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MIXED MARTIAL ARTS UFC president Dana White confirmed on Wednesday that the mixed martial arts card will take place as scheduled June 12 at GM Place.

With insurance a major sticking point, the UFC threatened to move the show to Cincinnati and gave the city 24 hours to sort out the issue, according to a source.

Coun. Kerry Jang had said that unlike in Quebec where the province provided Montreal with indemnity for two UFC shows, the City of Vancouver had to look into additional insurance in the form of $10 million in third-party liability. GM Place would also need insurance.

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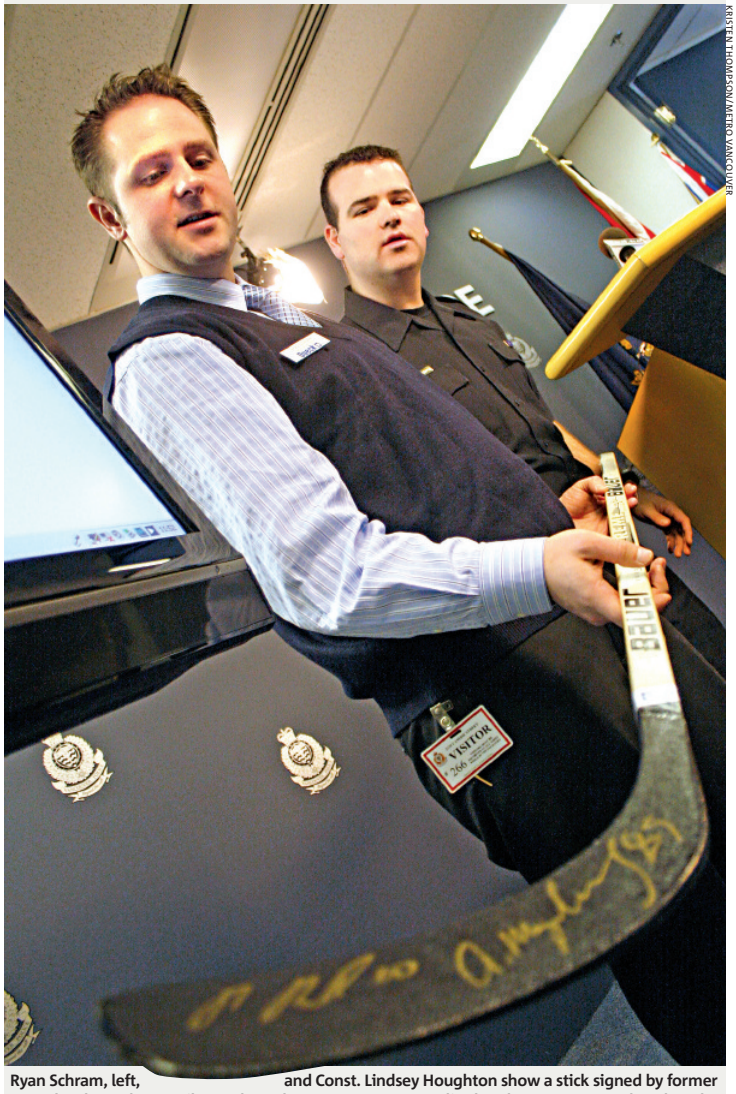

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Ryan Schram, left, and Const. Lindsey Houghton show a stick signed by former Canucks Alexander Mogilny and Pavel Bure at Vancouver Police headquarters on Wednesday. The stick and eight signed jerseys were donated by Good Samaritans to replace stolen sweaters that were going to be auctioned off for B.C. Children's Hospital. Story, page 4.

Police seek baby or its remains

Newborn missing from home where infant found dead in '09

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Vancouver

Police have returned to the same home where the body of a baby boy was found inside a plastic bag almost one year ago looking for another child.

Investigators learned on Monday of the disappearance and alleged murder of a second newborn baby in the East Vancouver home, Const. Jana McGuinness said on Wednesday.

The child has not been seen since the home birth at the beginning of March and police have received information that makes them "believe the child is not alive."

"These are separate investigations but they are linked ... It is the same mother in both cases that we've interviewed," said McGuinness.

While the April 2009 death was called suspicious, this second presumed death is being investigated as a murder.

"The next steps in this investigation will obviously be to try and recover the remains of the child ... To help move the investigation forward," McGuinness said. "Searches will occur in the near future in an area that has been identified."

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A B.C. coroner carries the body of a newborn baby after it was found dead in a plastic bag between two homes in East Vancouver April 2, 2009.

No charges have been laid in either case and it may be some time before the investigation, which is being called a "complex and lengthy process," is complete.

McGuinness said this type of case is "very rare" noting that since 1985 the Vancouver Police Department has investigated seven homicides of children under two.

The baby's gender is undetermined and police say details of the family will be closely guarded until they have more answers.

No joke — some major changes coming April 1

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1 TRANSIT FARES: Getting around Vancouver on transit will be a little pricier tomorrow when the cost of pre-paid fares goes up.

One-zone monthly passes will cost $81, up from $73, and a book of one-zone tickets will go up to $21 from $19.

The price of two-zone passes will go up by $11 to $110, and a book of two-zone of tickets will be $31, up from $28.50

Cash fare and day pass prices will remain the same.

2 B.C. HYDRO RATES: Interim approval has been granted for a 6.11 per cent general increase and a three per cent jump in Hydro's rate rider. This would add about $7 dollars to the average monthly bill.

A final decision on Hydro's application won't be made for several months, meaning the higher rate could be refunded.

3 EXOTIC PETS: After a woman from 100 Mile House was mauled to death by a pet tiger, the province announced stricter laws banning the import of animals not native to Canada. They kick in tomorrow. Current owners of anything from certain snakes to monkeys will require a permit.

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You may be able to light cauldron — for $10K

For a hefty price, anyone may soon be able to do what Wayne Gretzky did at the Winter Games — light the 2010 Olympic Cauldron, left. B.C. Pavilion Corporation is contemplating a plan to let the public re-light the cauldron for at least $10,000, which could make birthdays and other celebrations really special. The flame will also be lit during special occasions, starting on Canada Day. NEWS1130.COM

B.C. mom of man trapped on mountain awaits miracle

CALIFORNIA The B.C. mother of an ailing climber trapped by a violent storm near the summit of a California mountain since Saturday says she's hoping for a miracle.

Mary Kenny said information from Thomas Bennett's climbing partner means rescuers are fairly certain where to find her son, who was apparently ill and unresponsive when his partner left him in a snow cave on Mount Shasta.

The Sechelt resident said she's hoping for a break in the weather so teams can bring Bennett home.

Susan Gravenkamp of the Siskyou County Sheriff's office said Wednesday it appears that break was coming.

"It's fairly clear there is some clouds around Mount Shasta, but the weather really is hopefully conducive today," she said. "We have three helicopters coming in."

Bennett, a 26-year-old former B.C. resident who now lives in Oakland, Calif., climbed Mount Shasta — at 4,322 metres California's fifth-highest peak — during a hiking and camping trip to the area about 100 kilometres south of the border with Oregon.

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New clues wanted in Ladner-Beaudry death

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Homicide investigators admitted Wednesday that a full year after the shocking daytime killing of Wendy Ladner-Beaudry in a Vancouver-area park they are still no closer to solving her murder.

RCMP Cpl. Dale Carr said investigators had exhausted more than 250 tips and taken the unusual step of posting a memorial video on YouTube in the hopes that it would spark someone's memory.

The video, which was posted on Wednesday, provides an overview of the crime and describes the state of the investigation to date.

In it, Ladner-Beaudry's brother, former city councillor Peter Ladner, describes his sister as the glue that held their family together and appealed for anyone with information to come forward.

Ladner-Beaudry's body was discovered at 2:45 p.m. on April 3, 2009, only steps from a busy trailhead in Pacific Spirit Regional Park and maybe 20 metres off Marine Drive.

"It's incredible, with the amount of activity that occurs in this park, that this murder was able to occur," Carr said. "There's no witnesses that have come forward."

Investigators have not said how she died.

A canvass of the neighbourhood and the high-profile nature of the crime generated 250 tips. Investigators have no suspects in the case, Carr said.

List

- Investigators have made a list of 270 people of interest who they are trying to locate and interview, and have given priority to 80 people who live within a 10-kilometre radius of the murder site.

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RCMP Cpl. Dale Carr, carrying photos of Wendy Ladner-Beaudry, at Pacific Spirit Regional Park on Wednesday. He made a public appeal for tips in her murder.

To watch the memorial video for Wendy Ladner-Beaudry, visit: **metronews.ca/local**

News in brief

SEARCH RCMP divers were searching a Vancouver Island lake on Wednesday along the same winding hiking trail where the burned body of a Grade 12 student was found nearly two weeks ago. Police say the search is a result of new tips into the murder of Kimberly Proctor, 18.

SUSPECT Police have arrested a 21-year-old man after a police chase on Abbotsford roads. The suspect could also be charged with forcible confinement for allegedly refusing to stop to let two teenage girls out of the vehicle. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bus drivers reminded of cellphone ban: Spokesman

LETTER Vancouver-area bus drivers have been sent letters reminding them it's illegal to talk on cellphones behind the wheel, says Derek Zabel, spokesman for Coast Mountain Bus Company (CMBC).

That's in response to the 15 to 20 bus drivers facing disciplinary action, including suspensions, after being caught yakking on their phones.

The Canadian Autoworkers Local 111, the union representing bus drivers, suggested on Tuesday that some drivers weren't aware of the provincewide ban. It came into effect Jan. 1, though CMBC had a rule against using cellphones on the job that predates it.

Zabel, responding on Wednesday after Metro Vancouver attempted to reach him at his office late the previous day, said many drivers spend the duration of their shifts on the road and don't always read memos posted in the office.

"There are going to be some who slip through the cracks that you don't get to communicate with, but that's an ongoing challenge that we have in our organization," said Zabel.

He added that memos are also attached to employees' pay stubs, but some drivers may take a while to pick them up, if at all.

"Safety is paramount in our organization and this issue is very serious," he said, pointing out that the complaints involve fewer than two-dozen drivers out of a roster of 3,600.

WESTON STEELE/
FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Suspect charged in sexual assault

ARRESTED A 29-year-old Toronto native was arrested at a Downtown Eastside homeless shelter Wednesday in connection with a sexual assault along the seawall near the Plaza of Nations.

Police were called to the shelter on East Hastings Street after receiving an anonymous 911 call that a man matching the suspect's description was staying there, said Const. Lindsey Houghton.

James Frank Shalagan faces one count of sexual assault after a woman who was walking her dog in the evening of March 23 was groped from behind.

"Kudos to the media and the public for stepping forward (in this case)," Houghton said.

"We were fortunate enough to get some very good surveillance video and we firmly believe this suspect committed the crime."

Houghton said Shalagan is known to Vancouver police and has outstanding warrants in the Toronto area. KRISTEN THOMPSON/
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Burglar picks wrong office to break into

A chiropractor in West Vancouver used his martial arts training to take down a suspected burglar in his office. The man, who was with his family at the time, held the suspect down until police arrived. METRO VANCOUVER

Bloedel decision premature: Official

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CLOSING The decision to close the Bloedel Conservatory was premature as the attraction more than doubled its attendance in January, said one Vancouver parks commissioner.

NPA commissioner Ian Robertson said 8,287 people visited the conservatory in January, up from 3,296 for the same month in 2009 and 3,285 in 2008.

December saw a similar surge in attendance and Robertson said the uptick has less to do with the attraction's pending closure and more to the fact that a half-decade of construction (reservoir, Canada Line) is finally complete.

"To sustain that over two months ... I would say this is more than people going for the last time, this is about people discovering the conservatory," Robertson said.

Bloedel revenue

- January 2010: $46,102
- January 2009: $18,157
- January 2008: $17,511

In November, the parks board voted to axe the 40-year-old domed attraction, which is home to tropical birds, fish and about 500 different plants, to help balance a $2.8-million budget shortfall.

"To sustain (attendance) over two months ... I would say this is more than people going for the last time, this is about people discovering the conservatory."
Ian Robertson
NPA commissioner

The board has requested proposals from the public on ways to keep the attraction operating.

The deadline for proposals is late April, meaning that it would be back before the board in May or June.

Robertson is an advocate of management model for the conservatory similar to VanDusen Botanical Gardens, which has a volunteer board of directors and where volunteers work alongside unionized parks staff.

News in brief

FERRY SERVICE ADD-ONS B.C. Ferries is reportedly in talks with a company that would provide manicures, pedicures and soft massages during crossings, news1130.com reports. The service would begin sometime in the next couple months aboard two Spirit-class vessels on the Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay run.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS New legislation that the province claims will make it easier for the public to file complaints against municipal police took affect Wednesday. The new rules require police officers under investigation to provide a statement within five days of a request by the investigating officer.

FASHION WEEK EVENTS Vancouver Fashion Week starts next week. The annual event kicks off April 7 with a reception at the Open Road Audi dealership on Boundary Road. Designers will be showcasing fall/winter 2010 collections.

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Theatre hosts Neda's fiancé

Partner of woman famously shot in Iran rally to speak at art show

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Caspian Makan was building his life as journalist, photographer and filmmaker when his fiancée Neda Agha Soltan was famously shot to death on a Tehran street during a protest rally last year.

Now he is starting life from scratch as a refugee in Canada, having had to abandon his career, family and homeland because he has been blacklisted for speaking out against Soltan's death.

Caspian Makan

"Like many of (my people), the pressures of the Islamic Republic caused me to lose my love, occupation, life and all possessions," Makan told Metro Vancouver through a translator.

"As I left the country I was really abandoning 37 years of dreams and memories. This was very difficult ... but I had no choice," he said.

"Now I seek to defend people and help them achieve their rights from the dictatorship in Iran."

Makan will be speaking at the North Vancouver Centennial Theatre Saturday as part of the Norooz Arts Variety Show, a celebration of Persian art banned in Iran for being undemocratic or critical of the regime.

After Soltan was killed, Makan was arrested and jailed for two months and was released on the condition that he not engage in political activism.

He fled to Turkey and then to Toronto, where he has become a powerful voice for peace and democracy in Iran.

"The ugliest of humankind is killing other human beings, and I hope that this will forever end one day."

Neda

- Neda Agha Soltan became the face of the protest against what many Iranians suspect was a rigged federal election when video footage of her death was posted on YouTube.

Charity jerseys donated after robbery

COMMUNITY SPIRIT A Vancouver car dealership that was robbed of 10 jerseys meant for charity has nearly doubled its losses after members of the public donated new jerseys just hours before most of the stolen items were found.

Six of the missing Vancouver Canucks and Team Canada sweaters and a laptop were discovered in the elevator of a Burnaby office Wednesday, after being stolen from Dueck GM on Southeast Marine Drive Sunday.

The male suspect, who was caught on surveillance footage, hid in the dealership until staff went home for the night. He hasn't been found. The stolen jerseys were meant to be auctioned off as part of the 2010 Scott Hetherington Charity Hockey Tournament in Vernon to support B.C. Children's Hospital.

News of the robbery outraged the public, said Const. Lindsey Houghton, adding that two parties felt compelled to donate items — eight signed jerseys and a hockey stick — from their private collections.

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Const. Lindsey Houghton, left, and Ryan Schram hold Kirk McLean and Trevor Linden jerseys donated to Dueck GM yesterday at Vancouver Police headquarters.

One of the men waited with his jerseys outside the Vancouver Police Department's main headquarters until it opened.

"He couldn't express his outrage over the crime fast enough," said Houghton.

Ryan Schram with Dueck GM said at best he was hoping for the suspect's arrest, and the donations were a welcome surprise.

"We've all had something stolen in the past and you feel terrible," he said. "But when it's supposed to go to a child it's so (much worse)."

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Teen admits pointing a laser at aircraft, police say

Police in Cape Breton say they have caught the person responsible for pointing a laser into the cockpits of airplanes in the Sydney area. They say information from the public helped them identify a 15-year-old boy from Sydney River, N.S., who admitted to the offences. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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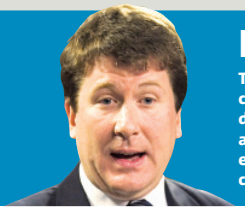

PM loses another staffer

The revolving door in Stephen Harper's communications shop continues to spin. The prime minister is losing his fourth director of communications since coming to office four years ago. John Williamson, left, is departing to make a bid for elected office in the New Brunswick riding of former Tory cabinet minister Greg Thompson. THE CANADIAN PRESS

What's up, doc? New user fees?

Quebec may spark ripple effect

Will you face a user fee every time you visit the doctor?

Ottawa may have to decide whether provinces can start charging patients for trips to the doctor now that Quebec has announced plans to bill $25 per visit.

In a move that could have a ripple effect across the country, Quebec — in its budget Tuesday — said it's considering a deductible for each trip to the doctor.

It even raised the possibility the rest of Canada might want to follow suit in what would be a significant shift for the universal health system.

Quebec claims the deductible is in line with the Canada Health Act. But health-care expert Antonia Maioni says Quebec's proposal may indeed go against the law.

"It looks like a user fee," said Maioni, a political scientist at McGill University who specializes in health policy. "It's trying to put a fee on utilization, and if that's the case it's going to come up against the Canada Health Act."

"It looks like a user fee." Antonia Maioni

She says Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq is the only person with the authority to declare such deductibles illegal.

"The only way the Canada Health Act can be activated, in terms of slapping down the provinces, is if the minister of health decides there is a contravention," said Maioni, director of McGill's Institute for the Study of Canada.

Quebec Premier Jean Charest says his government will have to finalize details of the plan before seeing if it would pass a legal test. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Abortion furor **Told you so, says Iggy**

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Stephen Harper's refusal to include abortion in his G8 initiative on maternal health has turned into an international embarrassment for Canada, says Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, pictured speaking to the media in Ottawa on Wednesday. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's rebuke to Canada proves the Liberals were to right to push for it, he said.

Canada pledges $400M

HAITI Canada has bought a seat at the global table that will direct Haiti's quake recovery effort.

It did so Wednesday by pledging $400 million at a major donors' conference at the United Nations.

Canadian officials said the announcement — part of $5.3 billion pledged at the gathering — left no doubt it will be granted membership on the Interim Haitian Recovery Commission.

The panel will preside over one of the most ambitious exercises in nation building after the Jan. 12 quake that killed more than 200,000 people, including 46 Canadians.

"Canada will stand behind Haiti," said International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

WARNING Health Canada says a health product has been found on the market that contains ephedrine and caffeine, which could cause serious adverse effects and even death when combined. The product is West Pharm Therma Lean Fat Burner Energizer, sold on the web by Nutrition First, located in Nova Scotia. Health Canada says people with heart conditions, high blood pressure and diabetes would be most at risk. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Snow slide kills B.C. man

TRAGEDY A B.C. man in his 30s became the 10th person this season to die in an avalanche in the province's backcountry Wednesday afternoon when a slide hit four heli-skiers.

The RCMP say the avalanche struck on Mount Currie near Pemberton as two men and two women were skiing.

"One male was in a more exposed position and was carried over several cliff bands and buried," said an RCMP news release.

"He was dug out by his companions."

The Mounties say it was a Size 3 avalanche, which the Canadian Avalanche Centre's website says typically has a mass of about 1,000 tonnes and can destroy a car or small building.

Search-and-rescue crews went to the scene, and the three survivors and victim were lifted off the mountain by helicopter.

Police didn't release the name of the dead skier.

Wednesday's avalanche was the latest in a string of deadly slides that have now killed six people in March. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ontario premier anticipates public-sector salary backlash

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty on Wednesday defended hospital executives' salaries, even before the government released the annual list of public servants who earn more than $100,000 a year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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All lamb, no lion

Near-snowless March caps 'cancelled' winter

A dramatic lack of snowfall during a March month that behaved more like a lamb with no sign of the lion has set records across the country.

Environment Canada climatologist Dave Phillips says downtown Toronto, for example, didn't get a trace of snow during the month.

He says it's the first time that's happened since record-keeping began in 1845, and Toronto wasn't alone with a snow-free March.

Ottawa may be the snowiest national capital in the world, he added, but the city had no snow this month. It averages 40 centimetres in March; the previous low in the city was 1.2 centimetres in 2006.

Calgary stood to record its second-lowest snowfall amount in March before light snowfalls hit the city yesterday, the last day of the month. On the other hand, Edmonton, where it was sunny and 9 C yesterday, saw its third-lowest snowfall amount for the month of March.

Montreal had 1.4 centimetres, breaking a record of 2.6 centimetres set last year.

Phillips says it's the year that winter was cancelled in Canada, and the weather phenomenon El Nino is to blame.

He said London, Ont., which is often hammered by lake-effect snow and is in the middle of a snow belt, "had zero snow, not a trace."

"Hamilton got hit by a little bit, 6.8 centimetres, so that stood out as an exception."

Phillips said, "El Nino truly has been a force this winter in Canada."

"Since El Nino arrived at the end of 2009, it really has stayed the course — there's been no relaxing," he said.

Phillips said when you get weather "that's really wacky like this, there are winners and there are losers." THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **"Since El Nino arrived at the end of 2009, it really has stayed the course — there's been no relaxing."**
> Dave Phillips, Environment Canada

Guilty plea in hit-and-run case

PLEA The woman charged in a hit-and-run last year in Fredericton that led to the death of a woman in a wheelchair pleaded guilty in court today.

Darcie Victoria West was driving a car on the night of Aug. 29 when she hit Dianne Trottier, 33, at an intersection.

West, 20, of Chipman, N.B., was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, attempting to impede justice by destroying evidence, and intimidating witnesses.

West changed her plea to guilty on the first two charges, while the third was dropped.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parliament can't demand full access to documents: Minister

DISCLOSURE Justice Minister Rob Nicholson says Parliament has no authority to demand full access to uncensored documents on Afghan detainees.

Nicholson responded today to opposition charges that the government has breached parliamentary privileges by refusing to hand over uncensored documents.

It's a constitutional battle over Parliament's right to know versus the government's right to keep secrets.

Nicholson says the government has a duty to protect information that could hurt national security and even put at risk the lives of Canadian troops.

The three opposition parties have asked House of Commons Speaker Peter Milliken to rule on the matter.

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Just a start

- If Commons Speaker Peter Milliken rules in favour of the opposition, motions censuring the government, Nicholson, Defence Minister Peter MacKay and Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon will likely follow.

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Minister of Status of Women Helena Guergis is expected to cut funding to a group researching missing women.

Women's group expects cuts

FUNDING Status of Women Minister Helena Guergis is expected to cut funding for further research on missing and murdered aboriginal women as part of a refocusing on the government's support for the issue.

The five-year-old Sisters in Spirit initiative had been compiling a database on the more than 500 women who have died or gone missing over the past four decades. The group, operating within the Native Women's Association of Canada, had become Canada's leading resource on the topic.

But their funding was set to run out Wednesday with no public word yet on their fate. The co-ordinator of the program said she believed that it would survive in another format.

"That's something that Status of Women has been clear about, that there should be no more research, that it's now more about action," said Karen Rexe, director of Sisters in Spirit.

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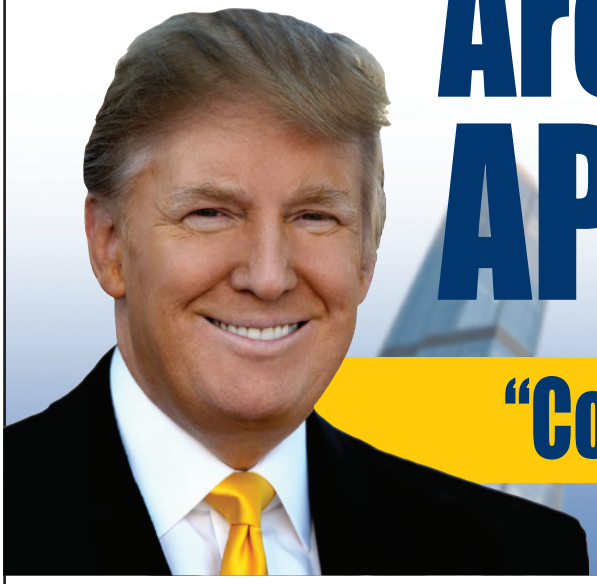

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Nova Scotia entices insurance company to expand in province

Nova Scotia's business development agency will give insurance company RSA Canada a six-year payroll rebate worth $2.7 million to expand operations in the province. The provincial government says the rebate will allow RSA Canada to create up to 160 jobs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Restaurant industry braces for wage increase

LABOUR Ontario restaurateurs say a new hike in the minimum wage will hit the industry hard, while servers worry whether their tips will dry up because of the increase.

The 75-cents-per-hour hike boosts the rate for most employees in the province, including some restaurant staff, to $10.25.

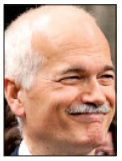
"In this tough economy, the government realizes the need to control its own wage costs, but has no reservations about imposing a huge hike on Ontario restaurant payrolls," said Stephanie Jones of the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association.

"I have received an overwhelming number of calls and emails from restaurant operators outraged by this unfair minimum wage increase, asking how the government could ignore their suffering businesses."

The group estimated the eight per cent boost in minimum pay will cost foodservice operators an extra $255 million in wage costs annually. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A blue cheer for Jack Layton

The barbs and low theatre that make up the House of Commons question period didn't disappear Wednesday. But for a few moments they were put aside for some kind words and a rare sign of sartorial unity.



Jack Layton

Virtually every member of Parliament from every party wore a teal-and-blue-striped tie or scarf in support of NDP Leader Jack Layton's fight against prostate cancer.

The Toronto MP is in the middle of a treatment regimen that has seen him lose some weight and occasionally look wan.

Layton, 59, has rarely missed a session of the Commons since Parliament reconvened March 4 and has vowed to stay on the job until his health is fully restored.

The Tory hue of the ties and scarves of Prostate Cancer Canada prompted additional congratulations from Conservatives on the choice of colour.

"We are delighted to join in solidarity with the leader of the NDP on the issue of prostate cancer," Prime Minister Stephen Harper told the House.

"We are delighted to see him looking so good and so healthy in this House of Commons, and looking ever better in that blue tie."

The Conservatives even eschewed their usual partisan jab at Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff in the final member statement before question period to pay tribute to Layton's medical battle.

"His public gesture of courage showed Canadian men and their families that they are not alone in their daily fight to combat this illness, but more needs to be done," said Conservative MP Jim Abbott.

"Government members are proud to wear the ties and scarves that are a symbol of Prostate Cancer Canada, to show their support for the member for Toronto-Danforth and all Canadians who have had or are battling this disease." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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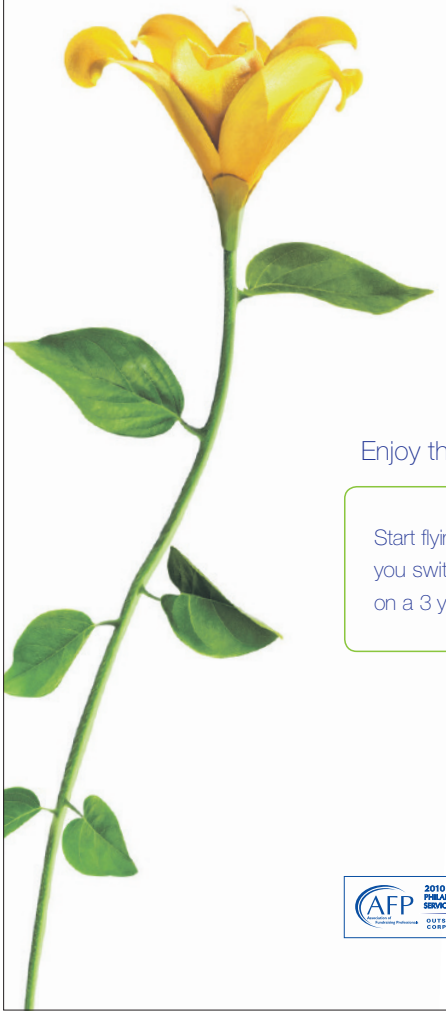

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Toads a tool to predict earthquakes?
When it comes to predicting earthquakes, toads may be an asset. British researchers said Wednesday that they observed a mass exodus of toads from a breeding site in Italy five days before a major tremor struck, suggesting the amphibians may be able to sense environmental changes, imperceptible to humans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Silva staffer to run against him

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's chief of staff resigned on Wednesday so she can campaign to become Brazil's first woman president. Dilma Rousseff, pictured, and nine other members of Silva's cabinet stepped down ahead of the April 2 deadline for public office holders to resign to be eligible to run in October's general elections.
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Teen accused of selling 7-year-old sister for sex

A 15-year-old New Jersey girl set up her seven-year-old stepsister to have sex with as many as seven men and boys at a weekend party near their home and also accepted money for herself, police said.

Trenton police Capt. Joseph Juniak said Wednesday that the older girl started by taking money to have sex with several men at a party in a high-rise apartment Sunday. The teen then gave some of the money she had collected to the younger girl to let the men start touching her, Juniak said.

Two women found the child crying outside the apartment and walked her home.

The teen is charged with aggravated sexual assault, promoting prostitution and other crimes. Her name was not released because of her age. She was being held in a juvenile detention facility.

A spokeswoman for the county prosecutor's office said prosecutors would seek to have the teen tried as an adult. Police believe as many as a dozen people were at the party. They are trying to track down the men and boys who attended and additional arrests are expected.

The child was treated at a hospital, and police said child protective services is working with the family to get her psychological help.

Trenton Mayor Doug Palmer called the crime "sickening" and said it was among the worst he's seen in his 20 years as mayor.

"The police are taking this personal," the mayor said. "I know there's a place in hell for all the people that participated in this, and I'm sure they will get there."

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Germany Setting sail on solar

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The "Planetsolar" is seen during its launch at Kiel, Germany, on Wednesday. The world's largest solar-powered boat is 31 metres long, 15 metres broad and 7.5 metres high. A German adventurer is preparing for what he says will be the first-ever world tour by a solar-powered boat, in April 2011.

News in brief

RUSSIA A Chechen militant claimed responsibility for the deadly attacks on the Moscow subway in an Internet message posted Wednesday, hours after two more suicide bombers struck southern Russia, killing 12 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rural customs eyed in baby case

CHINA Rural traditions of abandoning dead infants may have played a role in the case of 21 babies' bodies found along a river in eastern China, apparently dumped by hospital mortuary workers.

The little bodies — at least one stuffed in a yellow bag marked "medical waste" — were found floating and strewn along the bank of a river on the outskirts of Jining city in Shandong province last weekend. Hospital procedures normally call for families to take away dead infants, the Shandong province-based Qilu Evening News reported. However, the death of a young child is considered bad luck among some rural families, and the body is often abandoned or buried in unmarked graves.

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Obama declares state of emergency in Rhode Island

Record-shattering rainstorms in Rhode Island have flooded the state and caused U.S. President Barack Obama to declare a state of emergency. A storm Tuesday soaked all corners of Rhode Island, pushing rivers over their banks, closing roads and schools, and requiring hundreds of people to evacuate, including by boat. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Offshore drill ban reversed

Reversing a ban on oil drilling off most U.S. shores, President Barack Obama announced an expansive new policy on Wednesday that could put new oil and natural gas platforms in waters along the southern Atlantic coastline, the eastern Gulf of Mexico and part of Alaska.

Speaking at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, Obama said, "This is not a decision that I've made lightly." He spoke of the expected outcry from disappointed environmentalists by saying he had studied the issue for more than a year and concluded it was the right call given the nation's voracious thirst for energy and the need to produce jobs and keep American businesses competitive.

"We're announcing the expansion of offshore oil and gas exploration but in ways that balance the need to harness domestic energy resources and the need to protect America's natural resources," Obama said, standing in front of a Navy F-18 fighter scheduled to fly on Earth Day with a half-biomass fuel mix.

The president said his decision is part of a broader strategy that also includes expanding the production of nuclear power and other clean energy sources, to "move us from an economy that runs on fossil fuels and foreign oil to one that relies more on homegrown fuels and clean energy."

"The only way this transition will succeed is if it strengthens our economy in the short term and the long run," the president said. "To fail to recognize this reality would be a mistake."

Obama made no secret of the fact that one factor in his decision was attracting Republican support for a sweeping climate change bill that has languished in Congress.

"While our politics has remained entrenched along worn divides, the ground has shifted beneath our feet," the president said.

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India **Letting his hair up**

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An ash-smeared Naga sadhu, or a naked Hindu holy man, swings his head to display his long dreadlocks after bathing in the River Ganges during the Kumbh Mela festival in Haridwar, India, Wednesday.

Afghanistan leads world in hash production: UN

DRUGS Afghanistan is not only the world's largest supplier of opium, it also is the global leader in hashish production, the United Nations said Wednesday. The UN Office on Drugs and Crime said it estimates that 10,000 to 24,000 hectares of cannabis are grown in Afghanistan every year and that this is used to make an estimated 1,500 to 3,500 tons of hashish annually.

"While other countries have even larger cannabis cultivation, the astonishing yield of the Afghan cannabis crop ... makes Afghanistan the world's biggest producer of hashish," UNODC chief Antonio Maria Costa said in a statement.

Afghanistan produces 145 kilograms of hashish per hectare of cannabis, compared to about 40 kilograms per hectare in Morocco, Costa said.

Hashish is the resin produced from cannabis, also known as marijuana.

Basing its findings on information from 1,634 Afghan villages in 20 provinces, UNODC said it is three times cheaper to cultivate a hectare of cannabis in the country than it is a hectare of opium. As a result, it said, the net income of a hectare of cannabis is $3,341 US — compared to $2,005 per hectare of opium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Percentage of the world's opium supply — the main ingredient in heroin — supplied by Afghanistan

News in brief

NETHERLANDS International Criminal Court judges said Wednesday the frenzy of killing and violence that erupted after Kenya's disputed 2007 presidential elections may amount to crimes against humanity and authorized the court's prosecutor to investigate. Weeks of violence after President Mwai Kibaki was declared winner of Kenya's December 2007 elections left more than 1,000 dead and forced 600,000 to flee their homes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Anti-emissions agreement will be two years late: UN official

A deal forcing nations to curb emissions likely won't be done until the end of 2011, two years later than planned, the top UN climate official said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Web attacks hit mine opponents: Google

Google Inc. says malicious software has been used to spy on Vietnamese computer users opposed to a controversial bauxite mine in the Southeast Asian country.

Computer security firm McAfee said the perpetrators may be linked to the communist government.

The "malware" has targeted "potentially tens of thousands" of people who downloaded software allowing users to type in Vietnamese, a posting on Google's online security blog said Tuesday. It said the malware has been used for "damaging purposes" — to attack blogs containing dissenting messages.

"Specifically, these attacks have tried to squelch opposition to bauxite mining efforts in Vietnam, an important and emotionally charged issue in the country," Google engineer Neel Mehta wrote.

The Chinese-built mine is planned for Vietnam's Central Highlands and has attracted strong opposition — including from Vietnam's most famous military hero — because of fears it would cause environmental problems and lead to Chinese workers flooding into the region.

"We believe that the perpetrators may have political motivations and may have some allegiance to the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam," wrote George Kurtz, McAfee's chief technology officer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hello, Hong Kong

- Last week, Google shut down its search operations in China after complaints of cyberattacks and censorship there. Google redirected queries from China's mainland to the freer Chinese territory of Hong Kong.

Northern Ireland **Stranded in snow**

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A motorist tries to get his vehicle out from a snow drift on the Glenshane Pass, near Londonderry, Northern Ireland on Wednesday. Heavy snow and winds overnight caused chaos in parts of Northern Ireland. The police, coast guard, mountain rescue and Department of Environment launched a joint rescue operation after hundreds of motorists became stranded.

Area 51 vets finally share secrets

CIA After nearly five decades, guys like James Noce finally get to tell their stories about Area 51.

Yes, that Area 51. The one that gets brought up when people talk about secret U.S. Air Force projects, crashed UFOs, and alien bodies. The secrets, some of them, have been declassified.

Noce, 72, and his fellow Area 51 veterans now are free to talk about doing contract work for the CIA in the 1960s and '70s at the arid, isolated Southern Nevada testing site.

Their stories shed some light on a site shrouded in mystery; classified projects still are going on there.

"I was sworn to secrecy for 47 years. I couldn't talk about it," he says.

In the 1960s, Area 51 was the test site for the A-12 and its successor, the SR-71 Blackbird, a secret spy plane that broke records at documented speeds that still have been unmatched.

But after September 2007, when the CIA displayed an A-12 in front of its Langley, Va., headquarters as part of the agency's 60th birthday, much of the secrecy of those days fell away. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leaving no trace

- James Noce remembers always getting paid in cash, signing a phony name to the receipt, during his several years on security duty at the site.

News in brief

ABUSE Denmark's Catholic Church will launch an investigation next week into claims of clerical abuse dating back several decades, a spokesman said Wednesday. The move follows pressure from media and human rights groups on the church to revisit allegations of sexual abuse that had not been reported to police.

MILITARY High-ranking U.S. Army general Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon won't be punished for urging troops to lobby against the repeal of a ban on openly gay military service. U.S. President Barack Obama, as the military's commander in chief, supports lifting the ban, and an attempt to keep it in place could be considered insubordination. But Mixon was simply told by the Army's chief of staff that his actions were inappropriate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Blue Bombers' stadium underway

It looks like construction on a new stadium for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers will finally get underway this summer. Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger says the government will provide $90 million in bridge financing for Winnipeg businessman David Asper. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Manufacturing gives economy a boost

The stalwart Canadian economy marched doggedly forward in January, growing faster than anticipated thanks to a healthy boost from a manufacturing sector that appeared to be in full rebound from the recession.

The month's 0.6 per cent rise in real gross domestic product, reported Wednesday by Statistics Canada, was the biggest one-month lift in more than two years and just ahead of an economist consensus forecast of 0.5 per cent.

"The Canadian recovery is becoming more fully entrenched and is showing surprising strength, with the goods-producing sector in full rebound mode," Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist for BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a note to clients.

"Importantly, the recovery looks to be broadening beyond the initial push in housing and consumer spending, as manufacturing has advanced for five straight months."

1.3% The amount goods-producing industries grew, largely on the strength of manufacturing and construction. After a 1.2 per cent gain in December, manufacturing was up 1.9 per cent in January, with 17 of 21 major groups advancing.

The solid improvement will likely put more pressure on the Bank of Canada to raise interest rates in the next couple of months from their historic lows of 0.25 per cent."

The construction sector advanced 1.7 per cent, on a four per cent increase in residential construction and a one per cent rise in engineering and repair work. Non-residential building construction bucked the trend, falling off a slight 0.5 per cent.

"These are unambiguously strong results, with GDP now rising at a whopping 6.9 per cent annual pace over the November-to-January period," Porter said.

"And, the economy has already recouped more than half of its recession losses, with GDP now up by 2.7 per cent from last May's low."

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Payroll

- Total hours worked by payroll employees increased by 0.3 per cent in January while non-farm payroll employment was virtually unchanged. Statistics Canada reports January's most notable job gains were in mining, quarrying, oil-and-gas extraction; construction; finance; transportation and warehousing.

Steelmakers call for antitrust investigation

ECONOMY European steel makers on Wednesday demanded an EU antitrust probe to check for monopoly abuse and cartel-type behaviour by the three major iron ore suppliers Vale, BHP Billiton Ltd and Rio Tinto after price increases of more than 80 per cent.

European car makers and engineering companies also complained that higher costs for iron ore, steel's key ingredient, could do serious harm to their business and were not justified by higher demand from emerging economies China, India and Brazil. Steel federation Eurofer, which represents ArcelorMittal SA, ThyssenKrupp AG and Corus Group PLC, said it has lodged a formal complaint with the European Commission after Vale and BHP Billiton struck deals with Asian steel mills that would increase iron ore prices by between 80 per cent and 100 per cent The group said it saw "strong indications of illicit co-ordination of prices increases and pricing models."

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China **Play ball**

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Jim Small, right, vice-president of Major League Baseball in Asia, shakes hands with Lei Jun, president of China Baseball Association, after a signing ceremony of strategic partnership and launch of MLB baseball park in Beijing, Wednesday.

Toronto **Airline grounded**

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A worker at Pearson International Airport in Toronto stands in front of Skyservice Airlines' check-in counter Wednesday. The Skyservice chartered airline based in Toronto says it is going out of business and will wind up its operations. The company entered receivership in Ontario Superior Court Wednesday, after cancelling most of its scheduled flights out of the airport.

National Bank boss denies takeover talk

BANKING National Bank Financial Group says it has no reason to believe it could become the object of a hostile takeover, a scenario dismissed by the bank boss Wednesday as "finance fiction."

President and CEO Louis Vachon told shareholders that the prospect of bank mergers had fallen off the radar screen since the 2007-08 financial crisis, and said the idea of a foreign takeover also seemed far-fetched. There has been speculation over the years that smaller banks, like National, could be taken over because they weren't offered the same protections as bigger banks under 2000 reforms by then-finance minister Paul Martin. National says it will make major investments in its branch network and employee training this year, as the Quebec-based bank seeks to attract new business and grow market share. Vachon told the annual meeting the bank will complete the simplification and standardization of internal processes and use a new information system.

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CSA releases new safety guidelines

PROTECTION The Canadian Standards Association has unveiled a new national guideline aimed at protecting workers from becoming injured or dying in confined spaces.

The association says workers in confined spaces like grain silos, mines and hydro vaults can face a vast range of dangers that put them at risk of death or serious injury. CSA president Suzanne Kiraly says workers in many industries must go into confined spaces as part of their jobs and are at risk of suffocation from noxious gases, fire or falls. Would-be rescuers often become victims themselves and account for more than 60 per cent of fatalities in confined-space accidents.

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Spring training in Italy?
Major League Baseball is exploring the possibility of sending two teams to Italy for spring training next year or in 2012. International Baseball Federation president Riccardo Fraccari told The Associated Press Wednesday that MLB officials recently scouted possible sites. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB Preview

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Chone Figgins is a key addition for the Seattle Mariners.

West gets wild in AL

Everybody knows it's status quo in the American League East: Yankees and Red Sox, with the Rays hoping they can reprise their run from two years ago. The Central also features the regular figures — Detroit, Minnesota and the Chicago White Sox — fighting for the division.

It's the AL West that has a whole new look.

The West is hands down the most changed division in baseball with all kinds of switcheroos for 2010. Seattle reloaded and is trying to contend for its first playoff berth since Ichiro Suzuki's sensational rookie season of 2001, when the Mariners won an AL-record 116 games.

Texas plans to be right in the mix, too.

"I think that the AL West is going to beat up on itself," Rangers team president Nolan Ryan said.

Speedster Chone Figgins left the three-time champion Los Angeles Angels for Seattle. Slugger Vladimir Guerrero departed the Angels for Texas. The Oakland Athletics took a big risk and signed $10-million US ace Ben Sheets after he didn't pitch last year, plus they added Coco Crisp in centre-field.

103 The New York Yankees won 103 games last season on the way to their first World Series title since 2000.

In the Central, the Twins have lots to celebrate before opening day even arrives. They just locked up star catcher Joe Mauer on a $184-million US, eight-year contract, perfect timing as the team christens its new open-air ballpark.

Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon was thrilled to see Mauer stay put in the Central with the Twins and not join the mighty Yankees or Red Sox.

"We cannot afford that. For us and Toronto and Baltimore, we really appreciate that," he said.

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Rookies to watch

- **RF Jason Heyward, Atlanta:** This 20-year-old made a strong case for the starting job with a stellar spring, picking up where he left off last year. The 2007 first-round pick batted .323 with 17 homers and 63 RBIs in 99 games over three minor league stops last season.
- **CF Austin Jackson, Detroit:** The Tigers got Jackson from the Yankees to replace Curtis Granderson, who they traded to New York in December. Jackson, 23, hit .300 last season at triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre with 23 doubles, four homers, 65 RBIs and 24 steals.
- **LHP Brian Matusz, Baltimore:** The six-foot-five lefty went 5-2 with a 4.63 ERA in eight starts with the Orioles before they shut him down to limit his innings in his first professional season.
- **LHP Aroldis Chapman, Cincinnati:** The Cuban lefthander brushed aside questions about his control and delivery this spring, dazzling scouts with his 100 m.p.h. fastball and improving slider before being slowed by back trouble. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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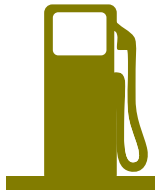

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Francis eager to regain ace form

RECOVERY Jeff Francis is back in his customary spot in the front part of the Colorado Rockies starting rotation, ready to resume a career interrupted by shoulder problems.

Whether or not the lefthander from North Delta, B.C., can pick up where he left off before his troubles began is a key question facing the defending National League wild-card champions. The signs have been mostly positive this spring, but the true answer only starts being revealed next week.

"There's no telling," Francis said in a recent interview. "The only way to know is to get out there and do it. I can stand here all I want and say, 'Yeah I'm going to be the same guy.' If I don't go out and do it, there's no point.

"To me, I just have to get out there, get back to that rhythm. Hopefully, it comes back to me and I can be the pitcher I know I am."

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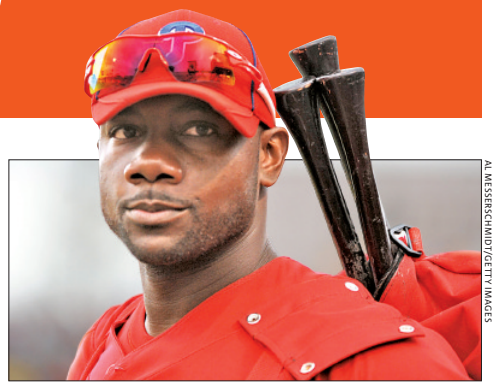
Injured Canucks

- Twins slugger Justin Morneau is returning from a stress fracture in his back.
- Right-hander Shawn Hill, now of the Toronto Blue Jays, is aiming for a return by June after undergoing a second Tommy John surgery on his elbow last year..
- Left-hander Erik Bedard is making slow but steady progress from shoulder surgery.
- Catcher Russ Martin appears set to open the season with the Los Angeles Dodgers on time next week after missing much of the spring with a groin injury.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The Philadelphia Phillies are happy to have Ryan Howard.

Phillies set their sights on third pennant in a row

NATIONAL LEAGUE The only thing the Philadelphia Phillies want from the St. Louis Cardinals is the title of last team to win three straight National League pennants.

Albert Pujols? Heck, the Phils are fine with Ryan Howard. Besides, they boosted their chance of the first NL three-peat since the Cardinals in the 1940s by making the big deal, getting former Blue Jays star Roy Halladay in a trade that sent their playoff ace to Seattle.

"I feel like the desire's more," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "I think that the talent we have on this team, stay healthy, a little luck, we'll be there again."

The 2010 Cardinals aren't conceding anything, though. They brought back Big Mac to help the hitters and gave Matt Holliday a huge deal to keep him paired with Pujols in the lineup.

The Phillies and Cardinals are the class of the league, for sure. But if the Atlanta Braves, Chicago Cubs and Colorado Rockies have their way, neither of those teams will be heading to the World Series come October.

"It's not good enough to win the division or get to the playoffs. It's not going to be good enough this year," Rockies backup first baseman Jason Giambi said.

"I think that the talent we have on this team, stay healthy, a little luck, we'll be there again."
Phillies manager Charlie Manuel

"It's going to be to go to the World Series."

The Phillies again ran away with the NL East, but failed to defend their World Series title. So they traded late-season acquisition Cliff Lee, so brilliant in the playoffs, for Toronto's Halladay, perhaps the best pitcher in baseball. Philadelphia also added Placido Polanco at third base and upgraded its bench.

But getting out of a division that's improved from top to bottom will be a tougher task.

The New York Mets signed slugger Jason Bay, a native of Trail, B.C., to help an anemic offence — but can they stay healthy? The Florida Marlins finally pushed their payroll to more than $40 million to keep the core of young talent together and the Braves made a host of moves, including bringing in a healthy Troy Glaus and closer Billy Wagner, who is 15 saves shy of 400.

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95 Number of home runs hit by the New York Mets last season, the worst in the majors. The Mets are looking to free agent signee Jason Bay to help turn that around, and for David Wright to rebound from only 10 homers last season.

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5.37 ERA posted by the Milwaukee Brewers' starting pitchers last season, the highest in the majors. The team signed Randy Wolf to $29.75-million, three-year deal in the off-season.

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Team USA could be without LeBron

Cleveland superstar LeBron James said Wednesday night that he's "probably not playing" for Team USA this summer in the world championships in Turkey. James, who was a captain on the U.S. team that won a gold medal at the Beijing Games in 2008, is eligible for free agency after the season and is scheduled to film a movie. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Span's strange occurrence

Minnesota Twins leadoff man Denard Span, left, hit a hard foul ball that struck his mother in the chest during Wednesday's game. She was treated by paramedics and back in the stands minutes later. A stunned Span sprinted into the stands and stayed with his mother while she was treated.

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Canucks can clinch against Kings

WESTON STEELE
for Metro Vancouver

With six games to go, the playoffs are all but guaranteed as the Vancouver Canucks can clinch a playoff spot Thursday night with a win against the L.A. Kings.

Barring a complete collapse, the team also has its sights on a third division title in the last four seasons, thanks largely to a torrid offence that is on pace for 267 goals — the team's best since 1995-96.

As the Canucks march toward the playoffs, Henrik Sedin is also edging closer to the franchise's first Art Ross trophy. He's on top of the NHL scoring race with 104 points and leads Washington's Alex Ovechkin by three.

The Kings have lost six of their last 10 games but still remain seventh in the conference. Having outscored the Kings 9-3 in three games this season, the Canucks will have a chance to sweep the season series Thursday.

The Canucks' offence also received good news Wednesday, when forward Pavol Demitra announced his wife's health troubles have finally been put to rest.

Demitra, who led the Olympic hockey tournament in scoring playing for Slovakia, had seven points in his last 11 games with the Canucks before leaving the team to be with his family over the past four games. He wouldn't disclose the exact nature of the illness.

"I think it was very tough and very hard on my family," Demitra told Canucks.com. "When we got the result (Tuesday), there was a lot of relief in our family. I think she is going to need a little bit longer recovery to get back to her normal life but everything is fine and she is out of danger."

Demitra didn't join the team for the California trip that wraps up Friday in Anaheim, but he may be back for Sunday's home game against Minnesota. He also expressed his gratitude for the Canucks' patience and compassion during the rough times and said the organization had sent food, flowers and helped out in any way they could.

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Vancouver's Henrik Sedin, left, is congratulated by teammates Michael Grabner and Darcy Hordichuk after scoring against Phoenix on Tuesday. Sedin leads the NHL with 104 points.

Sports in brief

SOCCER Cesc Fabregas scored on a late penalty Wednesday as Arsenal fought back from two goals down to earn a 2-2 draw against Barcelona in their Champions League quarter-final. Barcelona pounced all over Arsenal in the first half but failed to score.

TENNIS Justine Henin made another comeback Wednesday. The former No. 1, playing her fourth tournament since coming out of retirement, rallied to beat No. 2-seeded Caroline Wozniacki in the quarter-finals of the Sony Ericsson Open.

GOLF Fred Couples said Wednesday that he will play a practice round for the Masters with Tiger Woods at Augusta National Monday.

NBA Cavaliers centre Shaquille O'Neal says his surgically repaired thumb is healing ahead of schedule.

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Niemi blanks Wild

Antti Niemi had his seventh shutout of the season as the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Minnesota Wild 4-0 on Wednesday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blue Jays beat up on an old friend

Roy Halladay was hit hard early then bounced back with four straight strikeouts against his former team, but the Philadelphia Phillies fell 5-2 to the Toronto Blue Jays Wednesday.

Halladay, who spent his first 12 big league seasons with the Blue Jays before joining the Phillies in December, allowed four runs and five hits in the first inning. He then struck four straight and retired the final seven batters he faced.

Halladay's final spring start was cut short at three innings to keep his arm fresh for the Phillies when they open the season in Washington Monday.

"I'm extremely anxious," the 32-year-old Halladay said of his upcoming Phillies debut. "I think the hard part of later on in spring is that you start anticipating what's to come and you get a little stale. I'm looking forward to (starting the season). I feel prepared."

Halladay was all business at Bright House Field with the Blue Jays in town. Instead of chatting with his old Toronto teammates in between at-bats or innings, he tried to get them out.

"I respect everyone over there," Halladay said. "(But) you realize that there's a time for that in the off-season. I wanted to keep my focus on that and pitch and focus on that as much as I could."

The Blue Jays greeted their former, longtime ace with a flurry of hits. After Jose Bautista led off with a double to centre, all-star second baseman Aaron Hill drilled the first pitch he saw from Halladay into the left-field bleachers for a two-run home run.

Adam Lind and Edwin Encarnacion followed with doubles later in the inning and Alex Gonzalez added an RBI single as the Blue Jays jumped to a 4-0 lead against Halladay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay walks to the dugout after giving up four runs in the first inning of Wednesday's spring training game against the Jays in Clearwater, Fla.

Rzepczynski out

• Jays starter Marc Rzepczynski will miss up to six weeks with a fractured middle finger on his throwing hand, Toronto manager Cito Gaston said Wednesday. The left-hander suffered the injury when he was struck by a line drive during a start against the Yankees Tuesday.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Calgary 2 Phoenix 1
Carolina 2 Montreal 1
Anaheim 5 Colorado 2
Buffalo 6 Florida 2
Chicago 4 Minnesota 0
Dallas 5 San Jose 1
Tampa Bay 2 Pittsburgh 0

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Florida at Boston, 4 p.m.
Buffalo at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 4 p.m.
Carolina at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 5 p.m.
VANCOUVER at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

OVERALL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
z-Washington	76	49	15	12	296	219	110
dx-Buffalo	76	43	23	10	221	191	96
dx-Pittsburgh	77	44	26	7	237	219	95
x-New Jersey	76	44	26	6	203	184	94
Ottawa	77	42	30	5	210	220	89
Philadelphia	76	38	32	6	221	210	82
Boston	76	35	29	12	191	189	82
Montreal	77	37	32	8	205	210	82
Atlanta	77	34	31	12	227	242	80
N.Y. Rangers	76	34	32	10	201	206	78
Carolina	77	33	35	9	212	237	75
Tampa Bay	77	31	34	12	201	240	74
N.Y. Islanders	76	31	35	10	199	236	72
Florida	76	30	34	12	197	226	72
Toronto	77	28	36	13	204	253	69

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
dx-San Jose	77	47	20	10	248	203	104
dx-Chicago	76	47	22	7	247	195	101
d-**VANCOUVER**	**76**	**46**	**26**	**4**	**248**	**196**	**96**
x-Phoenix	78	47	25	6	212	193	100
Nashville	78	44	28	6	214	214	94
Los Angeles	76	43	27	6	220	202	92
Detroit	76	40	23	13	212	201	93
Colorado	76	41	28	7	227	212	89
Calgary	77	39	29	9	196	194	87
St. Louis	76	37	30	9	207	207	83
Anaheim	76	37	31	8	216	229	82
Dallas	77	34	29	14	221	239	82
Minnesota	77	37	34	6	208	230	80
Columbus	77	32	32	13	207	245	77
Edmonton	76	24	45	7	194	260	55

x - clinched playoff berth; z - clinched conference; d - division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points

NBA

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Toronto 114 L.A. Clippers 92
Atlanta 109 L.A. Lakers 92
Charlotte 103 Philadelphia 84
Cleveland 101 Milwaukee 98
Dallas 106 Memphis 102 (OT)
Miami 98 Detroit 81
Minnesota 108 Sacramento 99
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Oklahoma City 109 Boston 104
San Antonio 119 Houston 102
Washington 96 New Orleans 91
Portland 118 New York 90
Utah 128 Golden State 104

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Orlando at Dallas, 5 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA BASKETBALL

FINAL FOUR

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
SEMIFINALS

West Virginia (31-6) vs. Duke (33-5)
Michigan State (28-8) vs. Butler (32-4)

MONDAY, APRIL 5
CHAMPIONSHIP

Semifinal Winners

Nash leads Suns to win

NBA Sluggish for two quarters, explosive the next one.

The Phoenix Suns still pile up the points, and on Wednesday night they rang up far too many for the NBA's lowest-scoring team to keep up.

Victoria's Steve Nash had 24 points and 14 assists, Jason Richardson scored 23 points, and the Suns ran their winning streak to nine games by beating the New Jersey Nets 116-105.

Amare Stoudemire had 15 points and three reserves were in double figures for the Suns, who hit all six three-point attempts in a 38-point third quarter that turned around the game.

"Tonight we just didn't have the legs in the first half," Nash said.

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Stars beat Sharks
Steve Ott had three goals for his first career hat trick in the Dallas Stars' 5-1 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Wednesday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duke's young X-factor

18-year-old Dawkins has made some clutch plays

Andre Dawkins could be preparing for the prom.

Instead, he's having the time of his life in another kind of big dance.

The 18-year-old finished high school early to get a jump start at Duke. After playing the season with a heavy heart, he's hoping to continue providing an offensive spark off the bench in the Final Four.

"It's been a lot of fun, a long journey for the whole season," Dawkins said. "But this is what we looked forward to from Day 1."

He hit two clutch three-pointers in the South Regional final victory against Baylor and will be ready if his number is called when the Blue Devils (33-5) play West Virginia (31-6) on Saturday night in Indianapolis.

"I don't really know if it has hit me yet," Dawkins said. "Maybe walking onto the court at (Houston's Reliant Stadium) and just seeing all those seats. It was kind of like, 'Wow, this is the big time right here."'

The teenager's trip to the Final Four has capped a tumultuous, emotion-filled season for the freshman, who might be the best pure shooter on Duke's roster.

After not taking a shot in a combined seven minutes in his previous two NCAA tournament games, he knocked down two threes against Baylor — including one in the final minute of the first half that swung momentum back to the Blue Devils and helped propel them to their first Final Four since 2004.

"Andre has guts," teammate Jon Scheyer said. "He comes in games and he's confident, and it's a big lift."

Of course, having a certain level of courage comes in handy when you're trying to enrol at Duke early.

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Andre Dawkins of the Duke Blue Devils celebrates a NCAA basketball tournament win over the Baylor Bears on Sunday.

Dawkins had attended four years of high school in Virginia — one year of public school before transferring to Atlantic Shores Christian School and was classified as a freshman again. He found out that he needed one English class for NCAA eligibility, so he passed that class over the summer and pursued early admission to Duke.

"We were just saying, 'Wow, last year we were in the Metro (high school) Conference,"' said his father, also named Andre Dawkins.

"This year, you're in the Final Four. That is crazy. We were just thinking how much a blessing that it is to be at that point, and how things can change for you."

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Vanity Fair digs up more dirt on Tiger

SCANDAL As Tiger Woods tries to get on with his life, yet another magazine exposé is ensuring that he will continue to drag along a freight train of tawdry baggage.

For its May issue, out this week, Vanity Fair has dug up yet more dirt on the serial philanderer, who makes his must-see return to golf at the Masters next week.

"Speaking to four of the women Woods turned to in order to fuel his sex addiction," says the glossy magazine, promising plenty of revealing photos of the quartet, "Woods' former adviser and lawyer, and other insiders, (author Mark) Seal paints a picture of the superstar at his most profligate, and explores how he got to that point."

Some reported highlights (or, if you prefer, lowlights):

• Woods claims no one in his inner circle knew about his affairs, but one of his mistresses, Mindy Lawton, said when she was alerted to the National Enquirer's investigation he put her in touch with his agent, Mark Steinberg of IMG. Steinberg told her, she tells Vanity Fair: "We'll take care of it."

• Lawton says she once had sex with Woods in his car in a Florida parking lot and that Enquirer reporters found evidence of the tryst, which they threatened to use.

• Along with golf and sex, Woods loved to gamble at an exclusive casino in Las Vegas.

• For all that, Woods was cheap with some of his mistresses. Lawton says the only thing he ever bought for her was a chicken wrap from Subway.

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Test-driving your relationship

Relating

I don't write much here about my own relationship. It's a happy one, after all, and that's a boring read. (I also suspect a connection between continued happiness and not spilling my guts about everything in the paper).

This week, though, we're on a road trip together through the U.S., cooped up alone in a car for hours at a time, so there's potential for horrible, juicy strife.

We're long past our first trip together and, hopefully, still far from booking separate vacations, so the idea of going off somewhere together still sounds like fun, rather than obligation. Once that's not the case anymore, you've got trouble.

Trouble has a way of finding you anyway. Any travel promises certain tests of endurance and humour. We've already run into some bad food, some worse weather, and a couple of those missed exits that can set driver and navigator quietly or not-so-quietly blaming the other, but we're still holding up.

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There's a risk to the domestic peace, of course, in spending this much uninterrupted time together, outside the unexamined daily routines and distractions, but as the kilometres go by, you might also have the time to actually talk about something.

Even preparations can ramp up tension. Vacation time is scarce, and friends and family stake their claims. It can be hard to engineer a co-ordinated escape.

Expectations can run a little high. You've finally got the chance to get away together and damned if it's not going to be postcard perfection. Then your plan collides with reality.

Meticulous, detailed plans simply beg to be thwarted, so our itinerary so far has been a loosely arranged affair, a night out with some good mutual friends in Toronto, a rib place in North Carolina with a name that privately amuses us, the tourist trapping grounds of Myrtle Beach where I spent car-bound family vacations as a kid.

The latter was my idea, and it was largely a bust, with spring break louts hooting up and down a charmless main strip, a disastrous meal, and a shabby motel room that cost less than the meal.

It's in such moments of manifest imperfection that I remember listening to my parents bicker from the backseat of that hot car or the unmistakable tone an ex's voice would take on when she was definitely not having fun and it was definitely my fault.

But the sun's up, and once it rises above the wall of corporate beachfront hotels, it's going to be a beautiful day. We still don't hate each other. So far, so OK.

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Rewriting cultural norms is the answer

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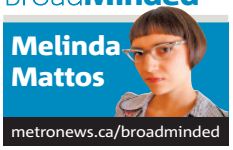

When it comes to sexual assault, blaming the victim is nothing new. We've all heard it before: Her skirt was too short; she shouldn't have been out alone; she was asking for it.

But as I perused the headlines online last Friday, I discovered a new low: "Rapist hopes victim has learned 'to keep her doors locked.'"

I had to check the headline twice to make sure it was real before I could move on to the article itself, about a sentencing hearing held for 27-year-old Daniel Katsnelson in Ontario Superior Court that day.

Katsnelson pleaded guilty in January to sexually assaulting two women on the York University campus during Frosh Week 2007. After scamming their way into a residence building, Katsnelson and a friend prowled the halls, checking for unlocked doors so they could "get lucky."

The women Katsnelson raped were 17 and 18 at the time, just starting university. In court on Friday, both women read disturbing victim impact statements about the physical and psychological pain caused by the attacks.

Afterwards, Katsnelson's own thoughts were revealed by the Crown prosecutor, who read from a probation officer's report: "(Katsnelson) states he hopes some day the victim will be able to take away something positive from this, as he has." What, exactly? "That now maybe she will know to keep her doors locked."

Are you kidding me? With logic like Katsnelson's, one might expect the victims to leap up from the stand to thank their rapist for teaching them a valuable life lesson. Perhaps they could all shake hands as well?

Real-life bogeymen like Katsnelson are the reason I grew up afraid of walking alone at night, afraid of strangers, afraid of almost everything. Some nights, when I'm home alone, there aren't enough locked doors in the world to make me feel safe.

But the answer isn't more locks. The answer is change. The answer is rewriting our cultural norms to build a world in which men no longer feel entitled to women's bodies and violence isn't an everyday occurrence.

Katsnelson's sentence will be delivered April 14.

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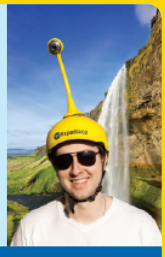

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Create a classic **bathroom**

Homes in **Style**

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for Metro Canada

Many might shudder at the thought of renovating, but oftentimes a room doesn't need major surgery, just a minor facelift.

Take the bathroom. To keep the often-small room clutter-free, functional and fantastic, just a few slight changes can lift the spirits of a tired or troubled bathroom with minimal effort.

"The bathroom is no longer just a place to wash up," says Karen Kwinter, editor-at-large at Homemakers Magazine. "Decorate at will, with artwork, occasional chairs or stools and treasured accessories."

Take a cursory glance around — which accessories need a boost? New towels and a matching bath mat can also cast a fresh look.

"One of the biggest trends in bathrooms right now is the freestanding tub," said Kwinter, which she called a "classic look with flair."

Freestanding Bathtubs are a hot seller today. The inner depth of the Omega tub allows even those over 6 feet tall to be completely immersed. Caml-Tomlin, Venetian ($3,149), Omega ($2,990), caml-tomlin.com.

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Made by the same company that supplies bath rugs for many of the world's finest hotels, these Harlequin (bottom right) and Jolie (top right) non-skid bath rugs are imported from Portugal. Small, $69, medium, $89, large (Harlequin only) $179, square (harlequin only), $59, Ballard Designs. The Gardenia Scatter Rug (bottom left) is made using a patented process to prevent mold, mildew and bacteria. Ballard Designs, $89-$95, ballarddesigns.com.

Move over beige, colour is back

DecorMoment

Karl Lohnes

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The nice surprise about the new trend colours for 2010 is that colour is actually on its way! We've had many years of beige, brown and taupe as the trend colours in home decor. Those neutral colours are now taking a step back and allowing beautiful bright oranges, blues and greens to emerge into the home. Perhaps it has a lot of to do with our mending economy or the amazing colourful costumes we saw while watching the Olympics, but I know that I am certainly ready to add a little vibrancy to my beige walls!

Here is a list of the hottest paint colours for 2010:

- Cedar Green, 2034-40: Fresh, crisp and inviting, this green helps to update and add life to all those lighter-toned neutrals in the home.
- August Morning, 2156-40: A cheery, mid-tone orange with a bit of yellow to create a happy, yet sophisticated ambiance. Helps to update tired golden wood tones in flooring, cabinetry or furniture.
- Violetta, AF-615: Rich, elegant and luxurious colour that when teamed with chocolate brown and deep grey can look masculine, while matched with pale pinks, greens and soft neutral tones, can take a feminine side.
- Blueberry, 2063-30: A vibrant and lux blue that isn't too dark. A colour that will easily update gold, white, black or red furnishings to give a room the elegant look of Hollywood Regency.

Some decorator tips

- Here's a few decorator rules on how to introduce bright paint colours into your home:
- Choose one wall and paint it a bright colour to create a focal wall. A focal wall is the wall that your eye first goes to when you enter a room. In the living room it is always the wall that the fireplace or television is on; in the bedroom it is the wall the headboard sits against. In the bathroom its the wall the mirror is on and in the kitchen it is most often the sink wall.
- If painting all four walls then use neutral-coloured furnishings and floors to calm down the overall look of the room.

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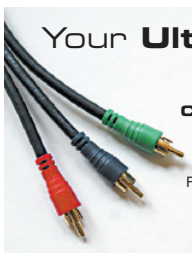

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The future of Brentwood

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A new residential development in Burnaby is being showcased as a model for what the Brentwood community has to look forward to.

Affinity, by Bosa, was featured in a 150-realtor event last month called Brentwood 2020.

Located in the heart of Brentwood's thriving retail, entertainment, shopping and dining district, Affinity is just 18 minutes from downtown Vancouver via SkyTrain and is ideally situated on the Lougheed Highway transportation corridor.

The two-phase 24- and 29-storey structures will feature a collection of 291 residences priced from less than $300,000, with 40 per cent of the suites under $400,000. Many homes feature views that vary from Mount Baker to the North Shore Mountains.

Kitchens and bathrooms will be outfitted with chic granite countertops and Kohler fixtures and all homes include stainless steel appliance package featuring: A slide-in gas range, over-the-range microwave, refrigerator with bottom mount freezer and integrated control panel dishwasher. Flooring will be laminated hardwood in kitchen, living and dining areas.

"The past decade has seen tremendous change in Brentwood Town Centre, as we have witnessed the future vision of a higher-intensity urban town centre unfolding, says City of Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan. "Looking to year 2020, the next decade will see continued evolution, elegance, urbanity, refinement and maturation for Brentwood Town Centre."

All homes at Affinity feature balconies or patio space (except studios). Amenities include a one-acre rooftop garden, tranquil Zen garden, fitness facility and social lounge with kitchen and entertainment space.

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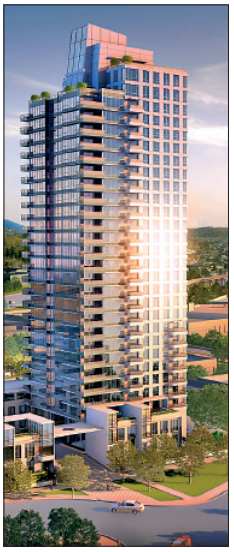

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Ready for April showers?

Don't get caught in one of April's plentiful showers without the proper footwear. With spring upon us, Canadian company Kamik has introduced a new line of rain boots to keep feet dry and help you stay slip-free during the season's downpours. Besides the tons of adorable colours and patterns they come in (pictured left), the boots are 100 per cent recyclable and are available online at zappos.com or softmoc.com or at Softmoc stores for $59.95.

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Toronto's show stoppers

Graphic prints, fur & embellishments lead LG Fashion Week

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PAT MCDONAGH

Pat McDonagh

Pat McDonagh spanned the sartorial spectrum with her fall/winter collection, opening with military-inspired outerwear and closing the show with a display of luxe evening wear. Fur-trimmed collars and cuffs, brassy buttons and epaulettes were among the embellishments incorporated into the refined, rich wool coats steeped largely in red and black hues. The longtime Toronto designer also heeded the call of the wild with a compendium of colourful animal print leggings and dresses and oversized fur shrugs and vests.

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ORANGE

ZORAN DOBRIC

Zoran Dobric

Large-scale geometric graphics drenched in rich colour pairings, like creamy peach and azure and orange and chocolate brown, adorned the garments. For the men, graphic tees took on a whole new meaning, with textured designs adorning collars and even the odd buckle clasping together shirt fronts.

Orange

Angela Chen served up a subtle twist on classic looks in a fall/winter collection encompassing cosy knits, sleek separates and chic evening wear. Largely dominated by black and white pieces, the latest offerings from the Taiwanese-born, Vancouver-raised designer featured delicate, clean designs juxtaposed with more intricate looks, including a high-waisted hand-knit skirt and a dress heavily embellished with sequins.

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Evan Biddell

For his "Prehistory" collection, Evan Biddell chose fabrics that echoed equipment worn in battle and protective shells of prehistoric animals. Exaggerated shapes and pronounced structures were featured on the runway, including green metallic pleather, black neoprene and cork, and industrial finishes with accents of metal snaps and bolt buttons.

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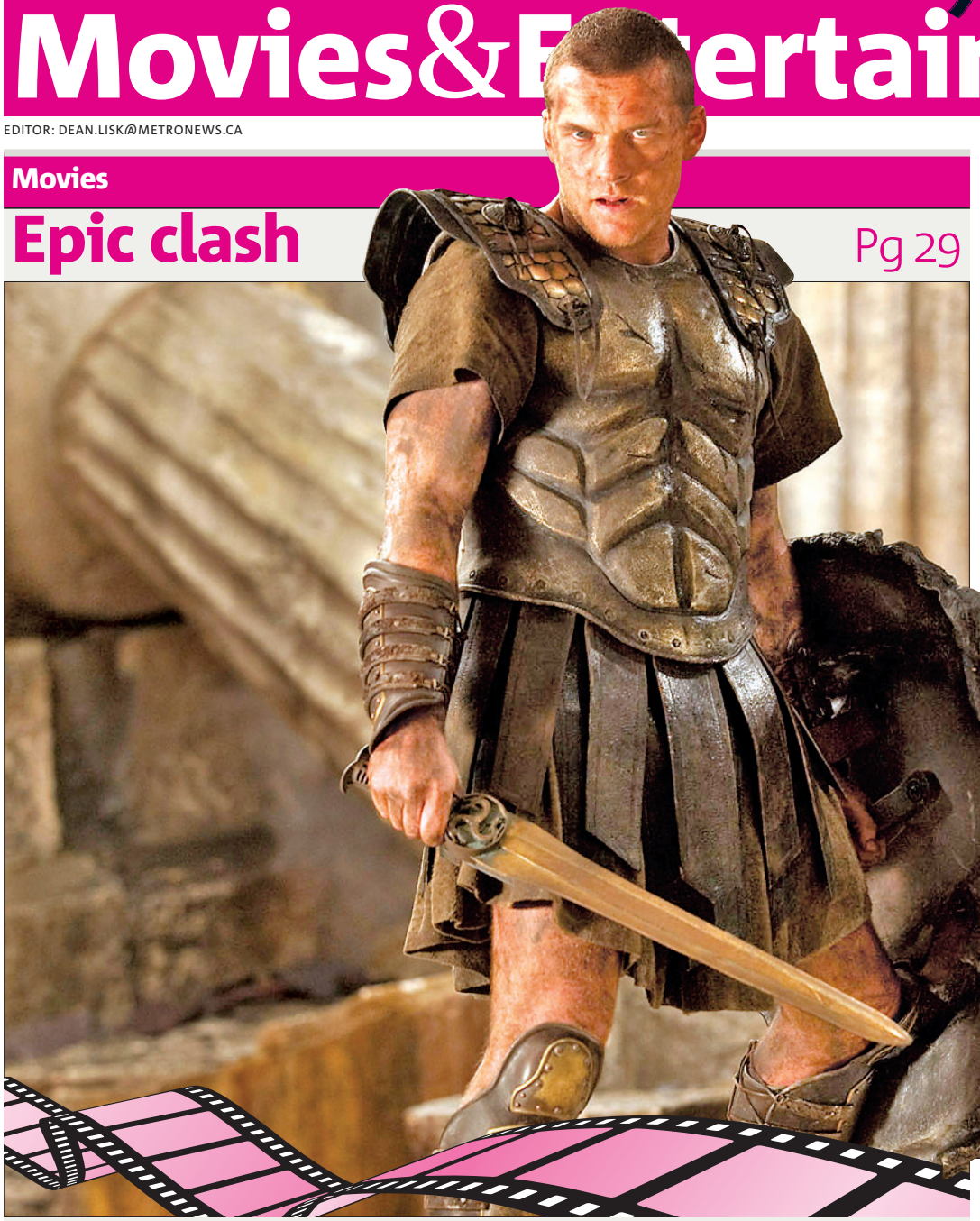

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Dare to go on a Date?

Fey, Carell join forces to fire up couple comedy

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

To hear Date Night director Sean Levy tell it, Tina Fey and Steve Carell have been looking for a project to do together for a while, but the comedy stars insist that isn't the case.

"That must be in some sort of press release. We've gotten that a lot, that we've been looking for this project," Carell says. "When Sean asked both of us about this, he's the first person that put us together in theory. And we both jumped at the chance to do it. It seemed like a good idea. And I think it was."

Fey, however, is a little more hesitant, wanting to wait until the movie is released to give a verdict. "We'll see," she says.

Of course, with the success of their shows — Fey has numerous Emmys and Golden Globes as both an actress and a writer for 30 Rock, while Carell is a four-time Emmy nominee for The Office — they seem like an obvious choice for an on-screen pairing.

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In Date Night, Fey and Carell star as a couple trying to put the spark back in their marriage on a night out in New York that goes horribly wrong. And while their film deals with what helps a marriage succeed, the stars — both happily married — are hesitant to offer advice of their own.

"We don't want to pretend to be marriage experts," Fey says. "If I was in a movie about a hospital, I would not give medical advice."

But Carell is willing to give it a try.

"As a person who has been married for a while, I would say what works for my wife and I is to just communicate and let each other know consistently in very subtle ways that we care and that we're there for each other." he says.

"I don't think it's so much the big grand gestures, but it's kind of the little things that thread through a relationship. At least for us."

As for dating, it's something Fey says she doesn't miss at all.

"I've been on very few dates in real life, really very few," she says. "I went on a couple of high school dates where I ended up either hiding or pretending to be asleep because I didn't want to make out with the boy."

Both actors admit that their success on TV and in film has raised their profiles, but Carell still doesn't really consider himself famous.

"I don't walk around feeling famous, that's for sure," he says. "I feel like I work and I go home and I'm with my family, and I hang out with them most of the time. I think I'm a little shy."

For Fey, being recognizable can be both good and bad.

"It's not a constant problem by any means," she says.

"You kind of wish you could turn it on and off, like if you could be recognized when you're trying to get into a restaurant, and then turn it off when you're going out to buy, like, acne cream."

Tina Fey and Steve Carell find themselves on a night-out from hell in Date Night.

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Norway's war hero makes for a crowd pleaser in Max Manus.

Norway's Max Manus an epic entertainer

Max **Manus**

Directors: Joachim Ronning, Espen Sandberg
Stars: Aksel Hennie
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

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REVIEW Though the title might suggest a movie about a eurotrash superhero, Max Manus is in fact a Norwegian war film about a resistance fighter who is legendary in his native land. Maximo Guillermo Manus (what a name!) joined the war early to help Finland fight off the Russians and soon became an undercover agent in Norway during the occupation.

Max sabotaged the Nazis at an impressively consistent rate, blowing up ships, destroying important documents, and escaping capture regularly.

His story is well known across Norwegian lands where the film smashed box office records and it should be a pleasant surprise for unsuspecting North American audiences as well.

Max Manus is reminiscent of last year's Danish war drama Flame And Citron, which also focused on resistance fighters. But while that movie was dark and depressing, Max Manus is a rousing crowd pleaser.

Max is a classic movie hero and watching him fight on the battlefield or in the streets offers sheer cinematic joy.

The film plays as a popcorn thriller for the most part and it's obvious why it was so successful in Europe.

When Max's friends start to drop off like flies in the last act and he begins to lose his sanity, the filmmakers elevate the material above the bang-bang thrills, making this a surprisingly rewarding and complex little movie.

The film is the first major production from co-directors Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg and they prove themselves to be stylish and adept filmmakers with a future.

A distracting love story slows down Max and the film at times, but given that Manus' widow is still alive and advised on the movie, her presence is understandable.

Though Max Manus doesn't exactly break new ground in the well-worn Second World War action genre, it is an impressive and entertaining film that deserves attention.

Faris follows Hawn's footsteps
So, if Jennifer Lopez isn't the new Goldie Hawn, maybe Anna Faris is? Now she's out to prove it, signing up to remake of Hawn's star-making role with Private Benjamin. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

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Even gods can't save 3-D Titans

Sam Worthington, right, plays the god-defying Perseus in the remake of Clash of The Titans.

Clash of The Titans

Director: Louis Leterrier
Stars: Sam Worthington, Ralph Fiennes
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●

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Metro World News

Remakes are a dangerous business, and more often than not they serve as cautionary tales. Clash of the Titans follows this less-than-proud tradition, updating what's become something of a camp classic with a lifeless dirge.

The tale of young Perseus (Sam Worthington) leading a band of soldiers on a quest to save the people of ancient Greece from the wrath of the gods is told in plodding, self-serious tones, with our heroes literally walking from one action set piece to another.

This is the third blockbuster Worthington has fronted in less than a year (after Avatar and Terminator Salvation); and if he doesn't crack a smile in one, he'll soon risks overstaying his welcome.

Even as a big effects movie, Clash of the Titans comes up short. While the giant scorpions and the fearsome Kraken look pretty nifty, the digital effects for Medusa wouldn't be acceptable in a video game.

And many of the big battles are shot so quickly and frenetically, it's hard to tell what's going on — or which toga-clad soldier just got run through with pincer.

That's not to even mention to 3-D aspect. The film was hastily converted in post-production to 3-D after the success of Avatar, and that hastiness shows. If anything, Clash of the Titans serves as the best example of why 3-D movies should be made that way from the start. If you must see Clash of the Titans, see it in 2-D.

• For a trailer of Clash of The Titans, photos and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies

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Panic shines in details

A Town Called Panic

Directors: Stéphane Aubier, Vincent Patar
Stars: (Voices of) Bruce Ellison, Vincent Patar
Classification: G
Rating: ●●●½

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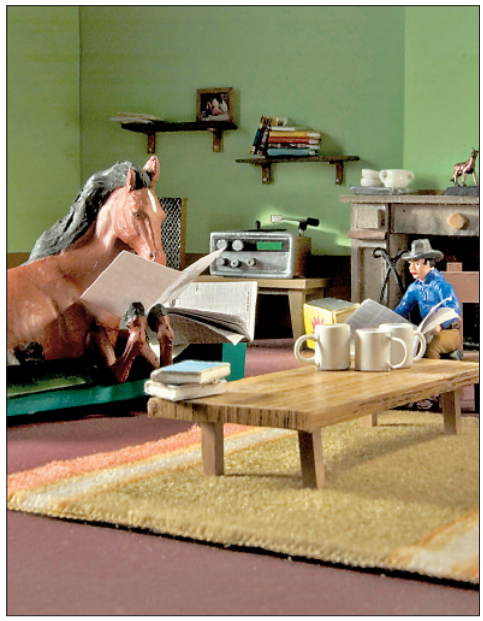

A scene from the stop-motion animation film A Town Called Panic.

What do you get a horse for his birthday?

This simple question ignites the fuse of A Town Called Panic, a frantic stop-motion animation film from Belgium tracking the fantastic exploits of tiny plastic toys.

When nervous, rifle-wielding Cowboy and his slightly less tense cohort Indian (complete with stereotypical feather headdress, bow and arrow) accidentally order 50 million bricks to build a barbecue for housemate Horse (a masterful, web surfing, coffee-drinking horse, of course), there's panic on the streets of Panic as the duo's mistake topples their home.

Rebuilding efforts amount to nothing as their progress is pilfered each night, leading Cowboy, Indian and Horse successively back to brick one, and eventually to seek retribution. The trio's journey launches them to the centre of the earth and a snowy wilderness before discovering their abode has been stolen by dodgy sea-like creatures living in a parallel aquatic universe through the neighbour's pond.

Its premise alone taps Panic as a haphazard tale, sentiment made glaringly obvious by the film's intentionally jerky animation, quick dialogue and bursts of adult-appropriate gags throughout.

However, its unconventional charm lies not in the big picture, but the details creators Stéphane Aubier and Vincent Patar developed on the television series of the same title on which the film is based.

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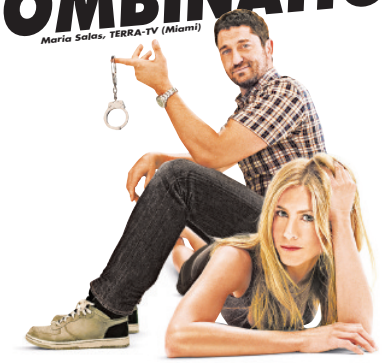

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Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:30-7:10-10:30

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Avatar (14A) Fri-Mon 2-5:20-8:30 Tue-Thu 5:20-8:30
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The Last Song (G) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:15-10
She's Out of My League (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:05-9:40
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Repo Men (18A) Fri-Mon 12:45-4:25-7:30-10:35 Tue 4:25-7:30-10:35 Wed 4:25-10:35 Thu 4:25-7:30-10:35
The Runaways (STC) Fri-Thu 9:40
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Mon 12:20-3:55-7:25-10:15 Tue 3:55-7:25-10:15 Wed 7:25-10:15 Thu 3:55-7:25-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
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Clash of The Titans (14A) Fri-Sat 10:15 Sun-Thu 8
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) A.M. Fri-Sat 12:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Sat 8 Sun-Thu 10

New City and Colour EP

City and Colour will release a limited edition EP titled Live at the Orange Lounge, on April 17 for Record Store Day, an annual event where record stores and artists celebrate the art of music. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Apollo honouring Jackson, Franklin

PEOPLE Michael Jackson and Aretha Franklin are being inducted into the Apollo Theater's hall of fame in New York City.

The late King of Pop and the Queen of Soul will be honoured with the Apollo Legends Hall of Fame on June 14 at the historic Harlem theatre.

Jackson first performed at the Apollo at its Amateur Night with his brothers in the late 1960s. They won, and their career as the Jackson Five was launched.

Franklin is scheduled to attend the ceremony.

Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony will also be honoured with the theatre's arts and humanitarian award.

The Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin is joining the Apollo Theater's hall of fame.

Past hall of fame inductees include Quincy Jones, Patti LaBelle and Ella Fitzgerald.

The theatre is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

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Wilson aims for return to the top

LABELS Gretchen Wilson the country singer has a lot riding on her new record, I Got Your Country Right Here.

But Gretchen Wilson the CEO has much more on the line. Wilson has taken the ultimate gamble as she prepares to launch her fourth album.

The 36-year-old Grammy winner split with Sony and started her own record label, the aptly named Redneck Records.

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Different Strokes

Julian Casablancas having fun without his band

KUMAR SAHA
Metro Canada

Julian Casablancas is having a lot of fun without The Strokes. Maybe even more fun.

"It's the less cooks in the kitchen thing. It's a little more laidback," the iconic New York band's frontman tells Metro over the phone while en route to a taping of NBC's Late Night With Jimmy Fallon.

You can't blame the 31-year-old rocker for being mildly chirpy about going solo. Released last fall, his debut album Phrazes for The Young found a warm critical reception. And right before he kickstarted his current North American tour, his profile received a solid boost from an unlikely quarter — a spoofy viral video.

The Boombox clip, featuring a guest spot from Casablancas for a song by comedian Andy Samberg's band Lonely Island, made its debut on Saturday Night Live earlier this month and sent the blogosphere abuzz with praise for not just its loving send-up of '80s subculture but also for Casablancas' equally goofy performance.

It all seems like a blast now but Casablancas' solitary effort was not born out of the most breezy circumstances.

"Two years after the last Strokes record (2006's First Impressions of Earth) when we were kind of getting together to do something again, I think three people in the band were working on solo records," Casablancas says. "I wouldn't say I was mad. But I didn't want to do a Strokes record under those circumstances … they weren't really present, you know."

Julian Casablancas' debut album Phrazes for The Young, which was released in 2009, was received warmly by music critics.

Absentee bandmates proved to be the perfect opportunity for Casablancas to explore his love for the rhythms of the "late '70s-early '80s" on his own terms. "I have lots of subconscious memories from the '80s. Sonically, I was going for (that). But musically I was probably more influenced by bands like Hot Chip," explains Casablancas.

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The synth-driven sounds of the record were pretty clear in his head and Casablancas did not want to enlist producers who would simply enforce their ideas on his songs. But, in Jason Lader and Bright Eyes' Mike Mogis, Casablancas found the collaborators who could facilitate exactly what he was looking for.

"They were just great. If you described something they could just nail it," Casablancas says.

Despite the solo success and recent reports about The Strokes working on their fourth album without their vocalist, Casablancas has good news for fans — he is still committed to the band that has launched a thousand imitators since 2001's rock-reviving Is This It. He admits that the group's dynamics "are better now than they have been in a long time" and the album — slated for a late 2010-early 2011 release — is making progress.

"It's about halfway done, I guess. It's crawling there," Casablancas says.

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Music

Muse is in town tonight fresh off the band's double win for best British band and best website at the fan-voted NME awards.

Muse rises to the top

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

Christopher Wolstenhome wants to make it absolutely clear that Muse has no political stripe of any kind, at least not in any way they'd like you to know about.

The bassist of the heavyweight alt-rockers from Devon, England, fresh off of his band's double win for best British band and best website at the fan-voted NME awards, defended Muse's track Uprising. The single off of last year's chart topping full-length album The Resistance has caused a bit of an uprising itself as an unofficial anthem adopted by the neo-conservative "Tea Party" movement in the U.S. for its seemingly libertarian subject matter (the irony of co-opting a British band's song notwithstanding).

Music critics have also challenged the track as sounding eerily close to Nickelback's Burn It To The Ground with its aggressive, swinging chords and Billy Idol's White Wedding with its opening synth progression.

"We obviously don't want to be associated with Nickelback. That's for sure," asserts Wolstenhome, who adds the band is not familiar enough with either aforementioned song to court plagiarism. "And we don't want to be seen supporting any political party. That's not something we're interested in. We've obviously got our own political views and some of them might come across in the music, but I think most people get what we're about."

Albums such as The Resistance always get some manner of blowback, for better or worse. The trio of Wolstenhome, guitarist and singer Matthew Bellamy and drummer Dom Howard opted to produce what could be their most ambitious album in their 16-year career. A boon to their creative gusto, Muse let its collective musical id run wild, birthing the highly praised 13-minute three-part orchestral epic Exogenesis: Symphony. It's a nearly impossible series to play live due to its virtuosity (so if you've got Coachella Festival tickets for April don't expect to hear it).

"We can get through Part 1 and people love it, but for the other two we'd need about two more trucks and three more buses for all the players," laughs Wolstenhome. "There always has been a slight classical element to this band and our challenge has always seemed to be taking these classical excerpts we've written and incorporate them somehow."

The bane, however, lies in mixing friendship and business, finding the fine line of telling a bandmate and a friend to step up their game if they've laid an egg in the studio — a situation Wolstenhome admits the band faced numerous times — without putting their proverbial backs against the wall. With no impartial producer as a referee, egos can get bruised and bruise back in turn.

"There are pros and cons, yeah. How do you tell your best mate what he played was shit?" asks Wolstenhome. "But you stay professional and keep your egos aside. You get on with it."

In Concert

- Muse performs tonight at the Pacific Coliseum

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Music

Music in bloom

SoundCheck

With tulips in bloom and allergies in the air, here's the second half of a look at some major rock releases coming this spring.

Sea of Cowards, The Dead Weather (May 7): Jack White's other OTHER band (the one where he's the drummer) just released the first single, Die by the Drop, about 10 days ago. Jack also has notions of making more music with Meg in the White Stripes, another Raconteurs record, a project with Jay-Z and producing an album for his wife, Karen Elson. Dude, take a vacation.

Diamond Eyes, Deftones (May 18): With bass player Chi Cheng still trying to recover from injuries sustained in a horrible car accident in November 2008, the band elected to shelve the album they were working on with him — temporarily, they hope — and moved on with a project featuring Quicksand bass player Sergio Vega. Fans have been most impressed by what they've heard so far.

Stone Temple Pilots, Stone Temple Pilots (May 25): Many people — myself included — didn't give this reunion a hope in hell of lasting much longer than the obligations surrounding a tour that began almost two years ago. Yet STP has hung together long enough to record its first album since 2001. The first single, Between the Lines, is my favourite rock single of 2010 so far.

Songs of Ascent, U2 (June 1?): With the 360 tour set to restart on June 3, U2 may have a new album to work into its set. Those hoping for a shift back to the band's classic sound after No Line on the Horizon may be in for a disappointment. Bono has been quoted as saying this album features a "marked shift in sound" and is a "reflective, meditative piece of work." If the rumoured June 1 release date is correct — no guarantees — we should see a single very soon. But other rumours suggest that we'll get a single in June with a full album in September.

Meanwhile, U2 fans can sort through Artificial Horizon (May 14), a collection of remixes of No Line on the Horizon songs created by artists such as Trent Reznor and Hot Chip, the British electronic outfit. There's also the possibility of a DVD of last year's YouTube-streamed show in Pasadena on May 21. And did I mention the Achtung Baby deluxe reissue that may hit stores in September?

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

At least he's not lipsincing ... yet
Despite widespread speculation that Justin Bieber would sing live on American Idol this week, the singer will actually tape a performance that will air later this season. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Going Out

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Nicholas Sparks first wrote The Last Song as a screenplay then a novel. The film is now showing in theatres.

From the page to the screen

FILM The romantic melodrama machine that is Nicholas Sparks keeps running at full capacity.

The prolific author, whose weepy love stories include the Hollywood hits The Notebook and Dear John, returned to the big-screen earlier this week with The Last Song, which he wrote specifically for Miley Cyrus.

It wasn't just a case of writing an original movie script for Cyrus. Though the screenplay did come first, Sparks developed the story with the same detail he applies to his books. Working backward, once the script was done, he sat down to write the novel.

Having already written the movie version, Sparks thought the novel would be a breeze. No such luck.

"After I wrote the screenplay, I thought, oh great, this is it. I'm going to do a novelization. Nope. That novel was so challenging to write on a number of levels that had nothing to do with the screenplay," he said.

"You want to make it its own unique work, because primarily, I am a novelist. I wanted a really good novel."

Sparks, 44, finished the book as production was ready to start on the movie last year. The novel was published last fall.

The Last Song casts Hannah Montana star Cyrus as a sullen teen reluctantly spending a summer with her estranged father (Greg Kinnear), a pianist and composer who hopes his gifted daughter will resume her own studies at the keyboard.

Sparks let Cyrus choose her character's name, and he wove in a few other themes and attributes in which she was interested. Cyrus wasn't looking over Sparks' shoulder as he wrote, though.

"I let him do his thing. I wouldn't want someone to do that to me when I'm songwriting. It's very difficult when something's not finished, and people are giving you advice," Cyrus said. "At the end, I was definitely thrilled. If there was anything, I would have told him, but there was nothing wrong."

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

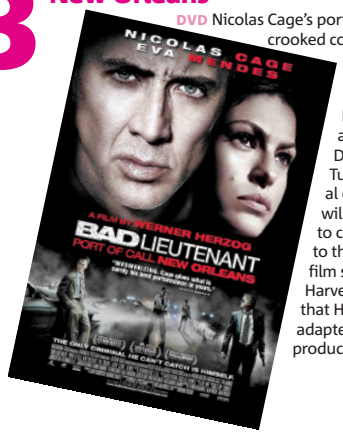
1 Elementary School Scarface

INTERNET It turns out an elementary school adaptation of the Al Pacino classic Scarface — which was posted on YouTube (check it out at metronews.ca/metrotube) — was actually a planned production by the team behind Lady Gaga's Poker Face video. TMZ reported the discovery, but it still doesn't take away from oddness of watching a kid playing Tony Montana.

2 Ricky Martin

POP CULTURE The singer revealed perhaps the worst-kept secret in the world by officially announcing on his website that he is a "fortunate homosexual." The father of twin boys is quoted as saying he feels "stronger then ever" after making the announcement.

3 Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans



DVD Nicolas Cage's portrayal of a crooked cop in director Warner Herzog film will be available on DVD come Tuesday. Real cinephiles will be quick to compare it to the 1992 film starring Harvey Keitel that Herzog adapted for this production.

4 April Fool's Day

POP CULTURE This is perhaps the only day other than Halloween when it's permitted to play tricks on people and get away with it (check out the story below for ideas). The origins of the day go way back to the Middle Ages, but radio stations and phoney news items seem to be the *de rigueur* way of marking the annual event these days.

5 Chocolate

FOOD Just in time for Easter, a new study is suggesting small doses of chocolate every day could decrease your risk of having a heart attack or stroke by nearly 40 per cent. German researchers followed nearly 20,000 people over eight years, sending them several questionnaires about their diet and exercise habits. Time to grab that chocolate bunny.

6 Kate Gosselin

TELEVISION Two weeks into Dancing with the Stars and reality-TV's most infamous mom is still toe-tapping — surviving a rough patch that included a row with her dance partner. Is it an attempt by show producers to boost ratings, or is Gosselin a Ginger Rogers in the making?

7 Colourful Artist Lipstick Palette

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Mix of Six

Vancouver International Auto Show

When: Thursday to Sunday
Where: B.C. Place

The 90th annual Vancouver International Auto Show will showcase more than 400 new vehicles from more than 20 manufactures.

Tickets are $10 on Thursday and Friday and $15 on Saturday and Sunday. Vancouverinternationalautoshow.com.

Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League finals

When: Friday to Sunday, various times
Where: Douglas College, Coquitlam and New Westminster

The top seven competitive wheelchair basketball teams in the country will compete in this three-day tournament.

The preliminary rounds will be held at the college's David Lam Campus in Coquitlam, while Sunday's final and bronze medal match will be held at the New Westminster campus. Wheelchairbasketball.ca

Easter Egg Hunt at Grandview Park

When: Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon
Where: Grandview Park on Commercial Drive

Commercial Drive Business Improvement Association's 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Chocolate Celebration will see the Easter Bunny hopping along The Drive with treats. Participating merchants will have chocolate giveaways and prize draws. Thedrive.ca.

Southern Straits yacht race

When: Friday 9 a.m. – Sunday
Where: Dundarave Pier, 25th Street and Bellevue Avenue, West Vancouver

The 42nd annual Southern Straits yacht race is on in West Vancouver. The race features long, medium and short courses.

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Go Canucks Go! Exhibit

When: until Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: B.C. Sports Hall of Fame and Museum

This must-see exhibit for hockey fans comes to a close this weekend.

The exhibit features never seen before Canucks highlights, artifacts of great Canuck Captains and Canuck moments.

Tix: $10; bring in a Canucks ticket stub for 2 for 1 admission. Info: bcsportshalloffame.com

Rumble at the Rock VII

Where: River Rock Show Theatre
When: Saturday

Vancouver's Junior Moar, the Canadian Light Heavyweight Champion, is taking on former World Boxing Council U.S. National Boxing Championship Billy Bailey from Bakersfield, Calif.

Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame inductee George Chuvalo will also be on hand.

Tickets range from $29 to $99 and are available at the box office or through ticketmaster.

Rivers and Newton to bring 'new' faces to TV

Joan Rivers and Wayne Newton are just two of the new faces coming to WE TV's new slate of programming. Rivers will star alongside her daughter, Melissa Rivers, in Mother Knows Best, and Newton in a show called Wayne's World. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

Glee, Modern Family pick up Peabodies

The winners of the 2009 Peabody Awards, announced Wednesday, include the ABC sitcom Modern Family, Fox network's Glee, CBS's The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson and HBO's The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency.

The awards recognize achievement and public service by TV and radio stations, networks, producing organizations, individuals and the Internet.

Other winners include the BBC's dramatic reconstruction The Day that Lehman Died and National Public Radio's website.

"To those who say all media content is the same, or presented from a single perspective, we offer this great range of material as a response," said Horace Newcomb, director of the Peabody Awards, in a statement.

The cast of Glee will be glad to hear the show won a 2009 Peabody Award.

"Our selections demonstrate that great work available in 2009 varied widely and appealed to viewers and listeners with very different tastes, interests and concerns."

An award ceremony for the 69th annual Peabody Awards will be held May 17 in New York.

It will be hosted by ABC World News anchor Diane Sawyer, who will receive an award for A Hidden America: Children of the Mountains, a documentary shot in Appalachia.

Announcing the awards, Cully Clark, dean of UGA's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, said Modern Family, which follows the ups and downs of an extended family, "reinvents the situation comedy."

Other shows recognized with a Peabody included Glee, a musical dramedy about the members of a high school singing club; In Treatment, HBO's therapy drama; and The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, a series about a female detective in Botswana based on the novels by Alexander McCall Smith.

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The winners

SOME OF THE WINNERS OF 2009 PEABODY AWARDS FOR BROADCASTING EXCELLENCE IN NEWS AND ENTERTAINMENT:

- Modern Family (ABC)
- The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson (CBS)
- Noodle Road: Connecting Asia's Kitchens (KBS1 TV)
- A Hidden America: Children of the Mountains (ABC)
- SesameStreet.org
- BBC World News America: Unique Broadcast, Unique Perspective
- The Cost of Dying (CBS)
- Independent Lens: Between the Folds (PBS)
- Glee (FOX)
- npr.org (National Public Radio)
- Diane Rehm (personal award)
- The Day that Lehman Died (BBC World Service)
- Inventing LA: The Chandlers and Their Times (PBS)
- No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (HBO)
- Sabotaging the System (CBS)
- Brick City (Sundance Channel)
- Thrilla in Manila (HBO)

You can just call it 'Loi et Ordre'

CAMEO Isabelle Huppert is poised to join the ranks of acclaimed French actresses who have graced Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.

According to series executive producer Neal Baer, Huppert is expected to guest star in the NBC drama's season finale as the mother of a kidnapped child. The episode airs April 28.

Anna Nicole part of horsey history

DISPLAY Two dresses that the late Anna Nicole Smith wore to the Kentucky Derby will be displayed at the Kentucky Derby Museum.

Smith died of an accidental overdose three years ago at a Florida hotel.

Louisville station WAVE-TV says the dresses will be on temporary display and are on loan from Larry Birkhead, who is from Louisville and has a daughter with Smith.

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	254	-	8 OMNI	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Omni News: Mandarin Edition		Omni News: Punjabi Edition		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Metropia
	250	321	9 CTV	The Vampire Diaries (N)		The Mentalist "The Red Box"		Grey's Anatomy (N) (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n		CTV News
	-	-	10 JOY	Frasier (CC)	The Insider	Stargate SG-1 (CC)		Supernatural (N) (CC)		P3	Diya (CC)	New Day
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	256	389	12 VI	TMZ (N) (CC)	Access H.	FlashForward "Better Angels"		Fringe "Peter" (N) (PA) (CC)		(:01) Private Practice (N)		A News (N)
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	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	The Vampire Diaries (N)		Supernatural (N) (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
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	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	The Office "Niagara" (CC)		The Office (CC)		The Marriage Ref (N) (CC)		KING 5 News
	602	568	19 W	Supernanny (CC)		Love It or List It		Confidential	Confidential	Divine Design	House-Sell	Love It-List It
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	291	383	27 PBS	Field Guide	Steves Europe	Doc Martin (CC)		Doc Martin	(:35) Doc Martin (CC)		Bird Watcher	Globe Trekker
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	296	654	34 SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	The Office	Name Is Earl	South Park	Half & Half	Paid Program	Street Court	Cold Files
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	628	584	32 SPKE	Ultimate Iceman: Liddell		The Ultimate Fighter		MANswers	MANswers	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Ultimate Fight
	521	560	34 TLC	LA Ink "Challenge for Kat" (N)		Police Women of Maricopa		LA Ink "Challenge for Kat"		Police Women of Maricopa		LA Ink (CC)
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	520	505	42 DIS	MythBusters (CC)		Daily Planet (CC)		Who Framed Jesus? The death of Jesus.				MythBusters
	522	506	44 HIS	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Pilots NWT (CC)		Ax Men "Man vs. Mountain"		Ancient Discoveries (CC)		Re-Inventors
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	294	650	47 TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Lopez Tonight (N)		Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Lopez Tonight
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	320	621	60 CEN	(6:25) Numb (2007) (CC)		Fool's Gold ★ (2008, Action) Matthew McConaughey. (CC)				You Don't Mess With the Zohan ★★ (2008)		
	581	566	101 MTV	Taking, Stage	Made (CC)	MTV Live	Movie Night	The Real World (CC)		Taking, Stage	Made (CC)	MTV Live
	261	394	102 V	The Fabric of Time		Unmasking the Pagan Christ		Remaking the Shroud		Unmasking the Pagan Christ		Paid Program
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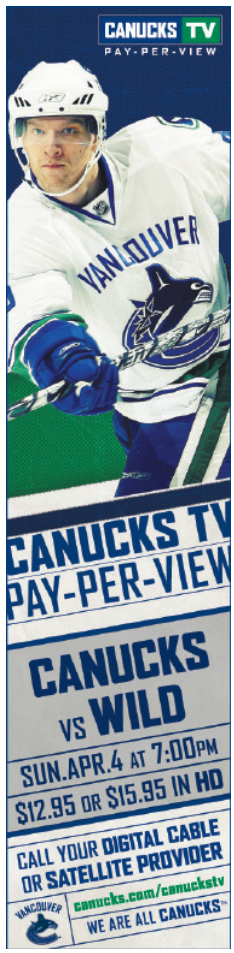
Bitchin' Kitchen

It's food and attitude in this irreverent new series, which began life in cyberspace. Self-described "bad girl chef" Nadia Giosia — alias Nadia G — leads a team of wacky foodies that includes Panos da Fish 'n' Meat Guy and Hans the Scantily Clad Food Correspondent. The shtick is silly, but the food is good; in this episode, the menu includes pepper-crusted tuna steak with homemade teriyaki, wasabi smashed potatoes and Mediterranean chick pea stew. 8 PM on FN

Final Destination 3

Is it considered insensitive to wish someone would just die? In this second recycling of the original story, it's a roller-coaster accident from which some intended victims escape — at least initially. Mary Elizabeth Winstead ("Wolf Lake") plays a high-school senior who gets a vision that something really bad is about to happen while she's on the ride; after it does and she survives, she and a classmate (Ryan Merriman) try to ensure they and others don't meet their intended doom. 5 PM on TBS



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Signature Dish: Lamb rack
Signature Drink: Prosecco

Chef Gianni Picchi has always been a bit of an anomaly on the dining front. This former executive chef of Il Giardino, and former owner of Gianni's in West Vancouver, was never one for refined aesthetics. His food was always more robust, a tad more rustic than his counterparts, and definitely without frills.

On the web

- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.
- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.

The room is comfortable and cozy, with enough space between the tables to afford some privacy, and enough buzz to keep the energy up. The portions are mainly gargantuan, which is probably a wise move given the location.

On our first visit we started with some truffled, sautéed mushrooms, which at $12 were more than a little overpriced for the small portion we received. They were tasty, aromatic, and rich, but I kept wondering if button mushrooms had gone up in price overnight. A large plate of oyster soup ($8.50) was more welcome, well-studded with the star ingredient, and a hit with the table, despite the cream being on the thin side.

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Lamb rack ($30).

From the mains, veal saltimbocca ($28) was delicious, if slightly over-salted. The lamb rack ($30) was the favourite of the evening, and was fork-tender, although the jus it came in could have used a little more reduction time. Both mains came with the same grouping of vegetables, a motley assortment of steamed spinach, asparagus, roasted golden beets, roasted potatoes, and pickled red cabbage.

The Poor Italian offers reasonable food at fairly reasonable prices, and will no doubt be a draw to East Side residents who don't relish a trek downtown for some decent chow.

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for a recipe of Pimp My Banana Bread.

In brief

GERAGHTY DEPARTING West has announced that Chef Warren Geraghty will be departing the restaurant for destinations unknown sometime in the near future. No word yet on his replacement.

DANG HANDS OVER REIGNS Chef Quang Dang of C Restaurant will be leaving in a few weeks to take over the reigns at Diva at the Met, following Chef Dino Renaerts new partnership with Fraîche and the former Crave Beachside in West Vancouver.

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It's time for war

Sarah Palin loves Cool James, but the feeling isn't mutual. Rap legend and actor LL Cool J is featured in promos for Palin's FOX News show, but he says the network never asked him to participate, popeater.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Wouldn't pay her bills

WHAT A JERK FOR NOT WANTING TO BE LIKED JUST FOR HIS MONEY A penetrating profile of the champion golfer's inner circle and his secret life has emerged, and Woods is described as being insatiable, unsatisfied at home and cheap, people.com reports.

The only thing Woods ever bought girlfriend Mindy Lawton was a chicken wrap from Subway, she tells Vanity Fair, while Jamie Jungers blamed her breakup from the golfer on his refusal to help her financially.

Jungers also reveals that all her rendezvous with Tiger were organized through Bryon Bell — Woods' childhood friend and the president of Tiger Woods Design — contradicting Woods's recent statements that no one in his inner circle knew about his affairs.

In addition to Bell, Tiger's agent Mark Steinberg seemed to know what was going on. Lawton says when she alerted Woods that the National Enquirer was aware of their affair, Woods put her in contact with Steinberg, who reportedly said, "We'll take care of it."

Speaking on Wednesday's Today show, the article's author Mark Seal said the story is about a man who presented himself as a paragon of family values who was, in fact, leading a secret double life.

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He's ah-live!

OR AT LEAST HE WAS WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL Conrad Murray and at least one doctor at UCLA Medical Center claim that Michael Jackson did have a detectable heartbeat when he reached the hospital, according to TMZ.

The revelation contradicts Jackson family lawyer Brian Oxman's claim that the singer was dead before paramedics even arrived at his home.

Oxman insists the detectable heartbeat was due to doctors' resuscitation efforts and nothing else.

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Time to look inside

A BOTTLE OF VODKA? A HANDFUL OF PILLS? THE DEMISE OF YOUR CAREER? NO, LOOK INSIDE YOURSELF. Celebrity Rehab host Dr. Drew Pinsky is worried about Lindsay Lohan.

"I have had a very bad feeling for a while that Lindsay is going to have a major injury. I fear for her," he tells Radar Online.

"If the reports are true that she is taking pills, I would love to know who is prescribing them to her. Who are you and why are you prescribing pills to Lindsay?

"I have always said that Lindsay Lohan can be a wonderful, recovering person, provided she gets treatment and successfully completes rehab."

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Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CelebTweets

SAMANTHA RONSON isn't buying what Jesse James is selling, **BILLY CORGAN** is apparently a big wrestling fan, and **KEVIN SPACEY** isn't casting Kate Moss in a play.

@samantharonson Sex addiction rehab is for rich people who don't want to admit that they have no respect for marriage vows.

@Billy Thanks to all the great performers of the WWE for an incredible Wrestlemania 26 last night.

@KevinSpacey Great to hang w/Kate Moss last wk but not sure where stories of her treading boards at the Old Vic came from. Not a grain of truth in it!

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GETTY IMAGES

Bean there done that

WOW, SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE A MUSICIAN? WEIRD 'CAUSE THAT TURNED OUT SO WELL FOR HER PARENTS When Frances Cobain agreed to be a guest vocalist on pal Amanda Palmer's new concept album, headlines swirled that the 17-year-old daughter of Kurt Cobain and Courtney Love was following in her parents' musical footsteps.

Not so fast, people.com reports.

"She's got a great voice," Palmer says. "But she's a really good visual artist. She's really interested in graphic novels."

Cobain was intrigued by Palmer and fellow musician Jason Webley's concept for the album, Evelyn Evelyn, which focuses on a conjoined twin singer-songwriter duo.

Palmer was impressed with Cobain for more than her singing.

"She's really smart, level-headed, motivated, and incredibly funny," says Palmer, who met Cobain for the first time while with her fiancé, graphic novelist Neil Gaiman, of which Cobain is a fan. "She has her own really strong personal work ethic and she wants to find her own voice and make her own art and she's going to do it by playing by her own rules."

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If Tiger's taught us anything

IT'S THAT SEX REHAB MAKES WIVES THINK THEY'VE REALLY CHANGED While the aftermath of his alleged cheating scandal plays out in the press, leaving his marriage to Sandra Bullock in question, Jesse James has entered a rehab facility in Arizona, according to People magazine

"Jesse checked himself into a treatment facility to deal with personal issues," his rep says in a statement.

"He realized that this time was crucial to help himself, help his family and help save his marriage."

The type of treatment James is receiving wasn't specified, but his rep insists it was "100 per cent his own idea."

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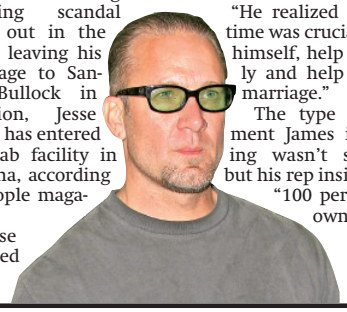

A new cub on the way?

BETTER THAN A NEW CLUB Elin Nordegren has been standing by Tiger Woods's side since his cheating scandal broke because she is actually four months pregnant, at least according to the National Enquirer.

"Elin's staying quiet about it, but she's showing every sign of being pregnant," a source tells the tabloid.

"Her tummy's a dead giveaway, and so is her behaviour. "Her moods are all over the place and she's been eating constantly, which is not like Elin since she's always so concerned about her figure."

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Mischa Barf-on?

LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME FOR CELEBRITY REHAB FOR YOU, MY DEAR Mischa Barton had a pretty rough night out in Hollywood recently, sources tell the New York Daily News.

The former O.C. star reportedly showed up to Bar Marmont by herself looking "totally out of it," a source says.

"A few minutes after she comes in, she runs outside and vomits everywhere.

"And then she went back inside and hung out for the rest of the night."

Barton's rep had no comment.

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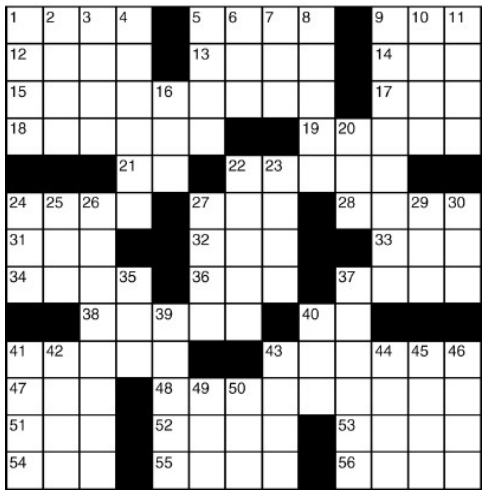

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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ACROSS

1 Rum cake
5 Kennel noises
9 Drunkard
12 Actor John who wed Shirley Temple
13 From the start
14 "Yecch!"
15 Hero sandwich
17 One of the guys
18 Restrain
19 Following
21 Freudian concept
22 Western movie
24 Quick
27 Doctrine
28 Changes direction suddenly
31 Old French coin
32 Conk out
33 Bill's partner
34 Unpaid amount
36 Still, in verse
37 Put an end to
38 On top of the world?
40 Therefore
41 Scent
43 Pincered insect
47 Caviar, basically
48 Sign on to buy
51 Geological period
52 — out (supplements)
53 Valhalla VIP
54 Alias (Abbr.)
55 Clinton Cabinet member
56Into the sunset

DOWN

1 Take pleasure (in)
2 Chills and fever
3 Sweetie
4 Axilla
5 Knitting need
6 Singer DiFranco
7 Corral
8 Perspiration
9 Take away
10 Shrek, for one
11 Son of 53-Across
16 Succor
20 Shriner's chapeau
22 Basketry willow
23Congregation's cry
24 Nourished
25 Expert
26 Summon to court
27 Notion
29 Moo — gai pan
30 Bribe
35 Jerry's pursuer
37 Woe
39 Surgical instrument
40 Pouch
41 Vicinity
42 Castle
43"Tiger in your tank" brand
44 Broad
45 Long-legged wader
46 Debonair bloke
49 Guitar's cousin
50 Stein or Stiller

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

2	5	9	6	4	1	3	7	8
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4	8	2	1	7	3	9	6	5
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On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Lemon Ricotta Pancakes

Submitted by Paula Bowman
PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1 cup fresh ricotta
3/4 cup milk
3 eggs, separated
olive oil cooking spray

METHOD:
In a large bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking powder and salt together until well blended, set aside.
2 In a separate bowl, combine ricotta, milk, egg yolks and lemon zest together in a bowl and stir until smooth. Add to dry ingredients and stir until just combined.
3 In a clean dry bowl, beat egg whites with an electric mixer until soft peaks form. With a rubber spatula, fold egg whites into ricotta mixture in two batches until just blended.
4 Preheat a non-stick skillet or griddle over medium-low heat and lightly spray with cooking spray. Working in batches, ladle ¼ cup batter onto the skillet for each pancake, being careful not to overcrowd the pan. Cook until golden on underside, about 1 to 2 minutes. Turn over and cook until golden and cooked through, about 1 minute more. Keep pancakes warm in 250°F oven while remaining batches are cooked.
SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
For some strange reason you seem prone to illogical ways. Focus only on the facts – everything else is just wishful thinking.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will be on the move today and may end up in some rather unusual places. It is not like you to be so adventurous. Try exploring them

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
There are two routes you can take and as not even a Gemini can be in two places at once you must choose a path and stick with it.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
There may be a thousand and one things you should have done by now but, in the greater scheme of things, they really don't matter that much.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Something you had never previously considered will come to your attention today and it will put an entirely new slant on the way you look at the world.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You cannot force people to change their beliefs. The more you try the more they will cling to them.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Sooner or later you will have to branch out in a new direction and there really is no time like the present.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
It would appear that you are finally prepared to do something you have wanted to do for ages but did not have the courage to try.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
If someone offers you their assistance today you would be wise to politely refuse.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
The current cosmic set-up is hardly likely to promote rational thinking and chances are you will look back and wonder why you did certain things.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Is your daily regime as organized as it should be? If not, it's time to do something about it.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may not change your views easily but other people can be just as uncompromising and a clash of egos is likely over the next 24 hours.

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